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China lifts quarantine for inbound travellers

China lifted quarantine requirements for inbound travellers on Sunday, ending almost 3 years of self-imposed isolation even as the country battles a surge in Covid cases. The first people to arrive expressed relief at not having to undergo the gruelling quarantines that were a fixture of life in zero-Covid China. Beijing last month began a dismantling of zero-Covid strategy that had enforced quarantines and lockdowns | **P11**

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Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF THE EVENT

Keynote Address by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Address by Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

Address by Special Guest of Honour, Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname

Special Address by Chief Guest, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

Inauguration of Exhibition by Prime Minister of India on theme
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Letter No: 26 Date: 07/01/2023

CORRIGENDUM-03

In reference to e-NIT Nos. **09/EE(E&M)/Dakpathar Barrage/2022-23,** invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Dakpathar Barrage, Dakpathar, Dehradun, the amended Tender Document has been uploaded on the e-Procurement portal **https://uktenders.gov.in.** Other Terms & Condition will remain same.
Information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation etc. of tender may be obtained from the website.
Full & Further Details of tender can be seen from the e- procurement portal **"https://uktenders.gov.in".**

Executive Engineer (E&M)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi. Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-81410

NO.KBJNL/DCF/BUD/DPT-/L.S progr/e-tender/2022-23/952 dated: 06.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (through e-procurement)

Short term tender is called through e-procurement for the 3 Work in KBJNL Landscape Programme as per the KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000. Bidders may get detailed information and Terms and conditions to apply at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and in the above mentioned office. The tender processing fee should be paid through e-procurement.

Calender of events

Sl.No	Details	1st Call Tender Date
1	Published tender Date(Approx)	07.01.2023 at 5.00 PM
2	Pre Bid Meeting	12.01.2023, 11.00 AM
3	Last Date for receiving the tender bids	16.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM
4	Opening Technical bids	18.01.2023, 11.00 AM onwords
5	Opening Financial bids	21.01.2023, 11.00 AM onwords

Note: A pre-bid review meeting will be conveyed on Dated 12.01.2023 11.00 AM in the Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL Forest Division, Almatti, the Contractor shall submitt querries if any in Writing to the undersigned office on or before 11.01.2023 at 5.00 PM.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBJNL, Forest Division, Almatti

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IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **10.05.2021** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. Mr. Anill Kumar J, 2. Mr. M Jayaram, 3. Mrs. Thayamma H,** To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 66,84,967.78/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lac Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven And Seventy Eight Paisa Only)** as on **19.04.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **06th day of January 2023.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs. 66,84,967.78/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lac Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven And Seventy Eight Paisa Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties

All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No. 18, Katha No. 103, Situated At Doddanekkundi Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presenty Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp And Measuring East To West: 40ft And North To South: 30 In Total Measuring 111.42 Sq.Mtrs, And Bounded: **East :Road, West : Katha No. 100, North : Site No. 102, South : Site No. 19 Belongs To Mr B.V.Prasad**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Date : 06/01/2023
Place : Bangalore.
Loan Account No : 28889703.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Mujeeb Pasha Mrs.Asma Asma Enterprises (Prospect No 937809)	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing- New Municipal No.8, Area Ad Measuring 889 Sq.Ft., Door No.76-B, 76-C And 76-D, Pid No.80-19-8, Cooks Road, Civil Station, Banglore, 560001, Karnataka, India.Bounded By:-East- Other's Property, West- Cooks Road B, North- Other's Property, South- Other's Property.	Rs.25,02,490.00/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Only)	19-Sep-2022	05-Jan-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025** or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore , Date: 09-01-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED

(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER on Rolling Basis

Contract Name	Tender cum Auction for Licensing of built-up bare shell Shops / Office Spaces located at Selected Elevated and UG Metro Stations along Corridor- 1 & 2 of Phase-I and its Extensions
Contract No	**CMRL/BD/Retail-5/2021/482/03**
Documents downloaded from	**9.01.2023** to **09.02.2023** up to **17:00 hrs** through e- tendering website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Pre Bid Meeting Date	**20/01/2023** on **11:30 hrs** at **MetroS - Anna Salai Nandanam, Chennai-600 035**
Due Date of Bid Submission	**09.02.2023** up to **17:00 hours (IST)**
Date of Bid Opening	**10.02.2023** at **17:05 hours (IST)**

For complete details, please visit e-procurement website: **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.** The tender will continue in rolling basis. Prospective bidders are required to periodically check the e-procurement website to know the currently availability. Any Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on above mentioned website and will not be published in newspapers.

Tender inviting Authority:
Chief General Manager (P&BD), Chennai Metro Rail Limited,
MetroS -Anna Salai Nandanam Chennai-600 035
Phone - 044-24378000 / www.chennaimetrorail.org. E-mail: krishnan.rm@cmrl.in

Chief General Manager (P&BD)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited

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Government of Karnataka
Revenue Department

Atalji Janasnehi Directorate, Revenue Survey Office Building, K. R. Circle, Bangalore – 560001

No: AJSD/TENDER/ADM-100/2022-23 Dated: 06.01.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for **procurement of Manpower Resources Agency for Accounts Officer, Project Manager and Technical Staff to Atalji Janasnehi Directorate.**
The tender documents and related information can be obtained from e-Procurement portal – **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **09.01.2023 to 23.01.2023.**

Sd/- Director,
Atalji Janasnehi Directorate

DIPR/CP/3952/Zen/2022-23

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1, AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-1
O.A. No. 1453/2020

BETWEEN
Karnataka Gramin Bank
Hesaraghatta Branch, ... **Applicant**
AND
1. Sri. Udaya Kumar
S/o Sri Venkata chalapathy
Residing at No.292/1, 7th Main
Near Maramma Temple, Bagalagunte
Bangalore - 560073
2. Smt. Ratnamma
W/o Sri Venkata chalapathy
Residing at No.292/1, 7th Main
Near Maramma Temple, Bagalagunte
Bangalore - 560073
3. Sri. Muniraju.N.
S/o Sri. Nanjundappa.M.
No.418/3, A Sector, Yelahanka New Town,
Bangalore - 560106.....**Defendants**

Summons Issued Under Rule23(viii) of The Debt Recovery Tribunal(Procedure) Rules 1993 by Paper Publication.

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs. 36,99,495/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on **15-05-2023 at 10.30am.**
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned , the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this 21st day of Decmber 2022.

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF 15th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
Crl. Mis. No. 7683/2022

Between: 1. Smt. Kavya, W/o. Hanumantha .R, aged about 38 years, **2. Shashi Kumar .H,** S/o. Hanumantha .R, aged about 23 years, **3. Ramkumar H,** S/o. Hanumantha .R, aged about 21 years, all are R/at No.49, Kebbehalli, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore - 560 091. .... **Petitioner**
And: 1) The Commissioner, B.B.M.P Bangalore ... **Respondent**

NOTICE

Whereas, the above petitioner no.2 have filed above said case for Death certificate of his father **HANUMANTHA.R., S/o. RAMAIAH AND SAKAMMA,** as dead on 22.09.2021, AT No. 48, 10th Cross, Kebbehalli, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore 560 091. If any person interest or objections to the said claim can appear before the Hon'ble court, either personally or through his pleader duly instructed with objections, if any on **13-01-2023** at 11 am, failing which the above case will be heard and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand & seal of the court on this 02.01.2023.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, 15th Addl, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044.

No: KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/MBL-SCP-TSP/2022-23/2613 Date: 06.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites tender on **Percentage tender** in Two cover system in **KW-3** documents from Qualified registered contractors for the work **Construction of CC road & drain under SCP and TSP for the year 2021-22 pertains to Muddebihal Constituency. Indent No. 23428 & 23429.** Approx. amount put to tender: **Rs.151.48 lakhs.**
The contractor can have access and submission of completed e-tender document of from **09.01.2023 to 21.01.2023** up to 5.00 pm. The Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **23.01.2023** at 11.00 AM. The Cover –II (Financial bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **25.01.2023** at 11.00 AM.
The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam and www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti

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TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Regd. Off.: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.
Branch Off.: No. 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER PRIVATE TREATY

Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties by way of Private Treaty in exercise of the powers under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and pursuant to the possession taken by the Authorised Officer under the said Act and Rules for recovery of the secured debts.

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **31-August-2019** calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, that on **17-September-2022** the Authorized Officer on behalf of M/s. Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. taken the Physical Possession of the immovable property mentioned below.
The borrowers having failed to clear the dues of the secured creditor, the Authorized Officer of M/s. Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd., proceeded to sell the said secured property, by adopting methods mentioned in Rule 8(5) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").
The Authorized Officer of M/s. Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd., had already conducted Multiple Auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as none of the bids were received. Now we have received an offer from buyer(s) who is/are ready to buy the property for the prices mentioned as Reserve Price in the table below.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s), that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of the publication of this notice, the under mentioned properties mortgaged in favour of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited will be sold on 28.01.2023 on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition, by way of "Private Treaty" for recovery of dues in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002).

Loan A/c. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative / Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Type of Possession
9760100	**Radiant Structures Private Limited** (Borrower) **Mr. Raghavendra Reddy M** (Co-Borrower), **Mr. Purushothama Reddy Sandula** (Co-Borrower), **Mrs. Anitha Thalluri** (Co-Borrower), **Radiant Infra** (Co-Borrower)	**Rs. 8,93,39,625/-** (Rupees Eight Crore Ninety Three Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only) 31.08.2019	Physical

Description of the Immovable Property:- All that piece and parcel of property being belowmentioned 21 units / flats and the undivided share of land in the Residential Project known as "Radiant Elitaire" constructed on the land bearing Khata No. 2194, Sy Nos. 47/3, 12/3, 12/4, Ward No. 194, Kottanur Village, Uttarahali Hobli, Bangalore South and is **bounded as: North-** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 12/3 & 47/3; **South-** Sy. No. 47/4, Road & remaining portion of Sy. No. 12/4; **West-** Remaining property of Sy. No. 12/3 & 12/4; **East-** Road and remaining portion of Sy No. 12/4, together with all plant and machinery, fixtures and fittings attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future.

List of Units mortgaged in "Radiant Elitaire"

Sr. No.	Apt No.	Floor No.	Admeasuring Area - SBA - Sq.ft.	Admeasuring Area (UDI- Sq.ft.)	BHK	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money (10%) (Rs.)
1	Flat No. 103	First	1105	301	2 BHK	33,15,000	3,31,500
2	Flat No. 104	First	1330	362	3 BHK	39,90,000	3,99,000
3	Flat No. 110	First	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
4	Flat No. 111	First	1445	393	3 BHK	43,35,000	4,33,500
5	Flat No. 112	First	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
6	Flat No. 115	First	1520	413	3 BHK	45,60,000	4,56,000
7	Flat No. 310	Third	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
8	Flat No. 312	Third	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
9	Flat No. 403	Fourth	1170	318	2 BHK	35,10,000	3,51,000
10	Flat No. 410	Fourth	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
11	Flat No. 412	Fourth	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
12	Flat No. 503	Fifth	1170	318	2 BHK	35,10,000	3,51,000
13	Flat No. 508	Fifth	1330	362	3 BHK	39,90,000	3,99,000
14	Flat No. 510	Fifth	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
15	Flat No. 512	Fifth	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
16	Flat No. 703	Seventh	1170	318	2 BHK	35,10,000	3,51,000
17	Flat No. 705	Seventh	1210	329	2 BHK	36,30,000	3,63,000
18	Flat No. 710	Seventh	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
19	Flat No. 712	Seventh	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000
20	Flat No. 903	Ninth	1170	318	2 BHK	35,10,000	3,51,000
21	Flat No. 910	Ninth	1250	340	2 BHK	37,50,000	3,75,000

Intended Offeror(s) can submit offer for one or more units.
Disclosure Note: A writ petition WP/17355/2022 is filed by the borrower against TCHFL before Hon'ble Karnataka High Court. No stay order is operative as on today in this case.
Intended Offerors are advised to conduct due diligence before submitting offer.

TERMS & CONDITION FOR SALE OF PROPERTY THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY ARE AS UNDER

(1) Sale by Private Treaty will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". **(2)** The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of TCHFL's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter. **(3)** The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above. **(4)** Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application. **(5)** In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by TCHFL, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest. **(6)** Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done on **11th January 2023 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM.** with prior appointment. **(7)** The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to TCHFL. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims / rights / dues. **(8)** The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date. **(9)** TCHFL reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason. **(10)** In case of more than one offer, TCHFL will accept the highest offer, if highest bidder fails to deposit the remaining amount; then TCHFL may request & accept the second highest offer. **(11)** The interested buyers can approach the **Authorised Officer- Mr. Ajmat Khan, Mobile No.: 9900880727 and E-mail: ajmat.khan@tatacapital.com during working hours (10:00 AM to 06:00 PM from Monday to Saturday) (12)** The purchaser shall bear the applicable TDS, stamp duties / additional stamp duty / transfer charges, etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees, etc owing to anybody. **(13)** Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules. **(14)** Last date of receipt of offer will be **27.01.2023 by 05.00 PM. (15)** Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **www.https://bit.ly/3GGnOUb** for the above details.

SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS / GUARANTORS

Dear Sir / Madam,
Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the property will be sold under SARFAESI Act, 2002. You are also at liberty to participate in the sale to be held on the terms and conditions thereof including deposit of earnest money or may bring suitable buyers.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 09.01.2023

BHARATH SEVADAL

Head Office: Bangalore

DIRECT APPOINTMENT

No.:BSD/HO/D.O/Appointment/234/2022-23 **Date: 06-01-2023**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates as per Govt order, Hon'ble Deputy Director, School Education, S.E/BSdal/Vacant Post Appointment/14/2022-23 dated 18-05-2022, to fill up the vacant posts in Bharat Sevadal Organisation. Eligible candidates with copies of qualifications and DD of **Rs.500/-** drawn in favour of **General Secretary, Bharath Sevadal, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-01** may submit the application.
Last Date for Submission of Application is 31-01-2023.

S.N	Posts	Classification & No. of Posts	Pay Scale	Required Qualification
1.	District Organiser	G.C.-05 S.C.-02 Category-III (A)-01 S.T.-01 Category- III (B)-01 Category- II (A)-02	25800-51400	Should be Passed in II PUC or equal to that. Must have Kendra Nayak education from Bharath Sevadal. Preference will be given to those who have served in the organization.
2.	Kannada Typist	01	21400-42000	Should be Passed in II PUC and Senior Typewriting. Preference will be given who are familiar with Shorthand.

Selection Criteria: 1. Written Examination for 100 marks. **2.** Demonstration test of Bharath Sevadal. **3.** Oral Interview
Age Limit: Minimum and maximum age limit is as per Government rules on the date of the receipt of application

General Secretary, Bharath Sevadal

MAHAGENCO — NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

The work of raw coal transportation by Road cum Rail (RcR) mode from **Kusmunda/Gevra/ Dipka mines** of SECL to **all TPS of Mahagenco**

TENDER NO.: CE/FM/E2/SECL-RcR/2023/35094 Rfx No. 3000035094

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd. is state power generation utility. Mahagenco invites online Bids (Two bid system i.e. Separate bid for technical/commercial & price bid) for The work of raw coal transportation by Road cum Rail (RcR) mode from **Kusmunda/Gevra/Dipka mines** of SECL to **all TPS of Mahagenco**
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3)	**Sale of tender from**	**: 11.01.2023 (16:00 Hrs.)**
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6)	**Prebid meeting**	**: 18.01.2023 (11:00 Hrs. at Prakashgad Bandra**
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8)	**Due date for opening of techno-commercial bids**	**: 25.01.2023 (up to 15:00 Hrs.)**

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Name of the Borrower (S) Co-Borrower(S)	Outstanding Amount	Loan Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
Loan A/c No. SLPHBANA000002 **1.MRS. R JAYAPADMA W/O N Venkatachalapathi, No. 23, I Floor, 5th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Lottegollahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 094** **2.MR. N VENKATACHALAPATHI, S/O Nanappa, No. 23, I Floor, 5th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Lottegollahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 094** **Also at: M/S. ANGEL SECURITY SERVICES, No. 23, Ground Floor, 5th Cross, Near Jalgiramma Temple, Rmv 2nd Stage, Lottegollahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 094** **NPA DATE** - 06-12-2022 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 15.12.2022**	Rs. 23,85,273/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Three Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SLPHBANA0 000022 as on 8.12.2022	**Rs. 22,55,805/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Five Only)**	All that piece and parcel of Western portion of the Residential Property bearing No. 23, Old Khatha No. 246, Present BBMP Khatha No. 181/130/1/246/ 5/1/23, Situated at Lottegollahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 15 feet North to South 40 feet, in total measuring 600 Sq Ft and bounded on: East by : Remaining Eastern portion of same Property No. 23 belonging to Munivenkata Rathnamma. West by: Property No. 22. North by: 20 feet Road. South by: Property No. 32.

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CBSE COUNSELLING FOR BOARD EXAM STUDENTS FROM TODAY

Counselling to start a month earlier with students set to appear for offline exams after gap of nearly two years

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Students and parents can get tips 24X7 on exam preparation, time and stress management through Interactive Voice Response (IVR) facility by dialling 1800-11-8004. Tele-counselling will also be provided on the same number between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm (Monday-Saturday) where counsellors, will answer queries from students and parents

PODCAST LINKS ON CBSE WEBSITE

- Additionally, Hindi and English podcasts on exam preparation tips will be available on the CBSE's website: cbse.gov.in
- "The students will appear in the written examination after two years. To provide support, the counselling facility, which used to start in February, will begin in January this year," CBSE said

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WHEN CBSE BOARD EXAMS WILL COMMENCE THIS YEAR

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CM: High-level panel to guide Kannada research

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Haveri

THE 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana concluded on a positive note with CM Basavaraj Bommai announcing a high-level panel of noted writers to take up research as per the classical language status given to Kannada. The government will adopt its recommendations, he said.

Bommai said on Sunday that he has taken the harsh remarks made by meet president Doddarange Gowda on the slow research and development of Kannada sportively. "I have decided to take some initiatives," he added. The Centre has released Rs 13.30 crore for infrastructure to develop the language and it is unfair to say Kannada has not received any grants, he said. The building given by Mysuru University to set up the Classical Language Research Centre is being renovated.

"On protecting the land, water and language, parties in the state have fought unitedly. It is the tradition taught by our elders. Kannada has a bright future," he added. He said the government is mulling framing a course to teach Kannada to people from other states who have settled down in Karnataka.

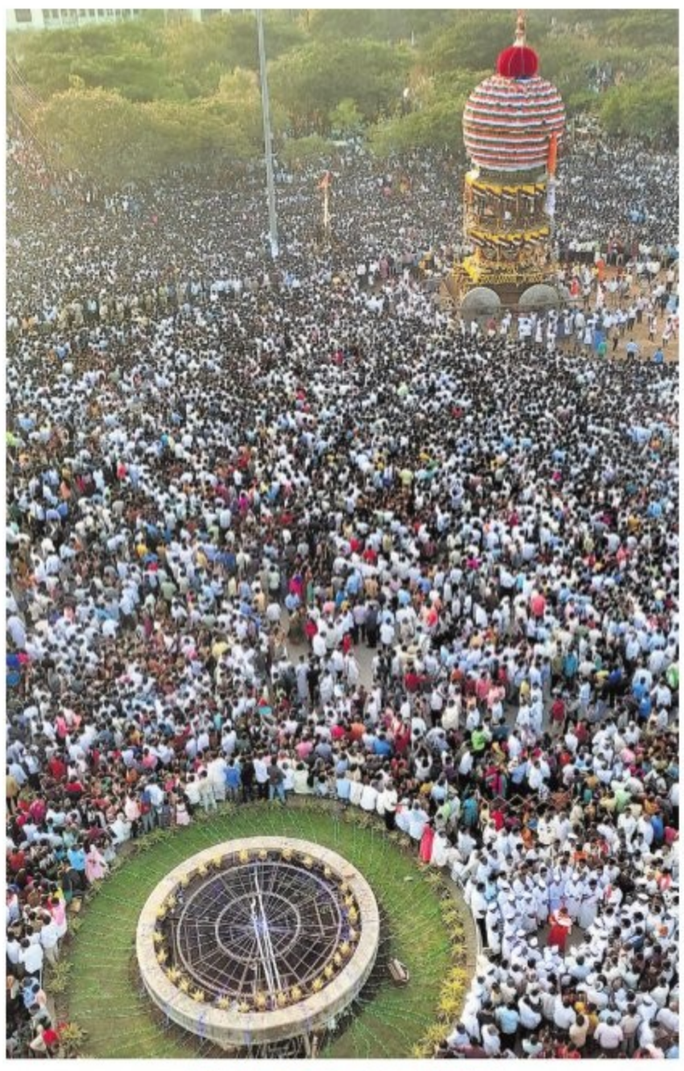
EXPRESS READ

12-yr-old boy dies of heart attack in Kodagu

Madikeri: A 12-year-old boy died of heart attack at Kudumangalore village near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district on Sunday. Keerthan, a Standard 6 student at Bharat Mata School in Koppa, screamed twice while sleeping on Saturday night. As he was in pain, his parents rushed him to the Kushalnagar Community Hospital. But he suffered a massive heart attack on the way and died, family members said.

B'luru accident toll 777 in '22, highest since '17

Bengaluru: Bengaluru recorded 777 deaths due to road accidents in 2022, which was the highest since 2017. In 2019, there were 766 deaths. MA Saleem, special commissioner, traffic, said, "We will be more strict in cases of riding without helmets, drunk driving, and over-speeding this year. However, the number of deaths due to road accident has reduced over the years." | P5



MASS FAITH

Devotees throng the famous Sri Gavisiddeshwara Jathra in large numbers in Koppal on Sunday | EXPRESS

More families rescued in Joshimath, PM takes stock

350-m wide strip affected; all damaged buildings to be demolished

NARENDRA SETHI & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Dehradun/New Delhi

WITH the government declaring Joshimath a subsidence-hit zone, rescue and relief work picked up pace with the shifting of 13 more families from damaged houses even as scientists sought to understand the water signature of the region to figure out the actual cause of the land sink.

A strip of land around 350 metres wide has been affected by the subsidence. In all, 68 families have been shifted from damaged houses so far. The district administration is working with the rest of the affected families to evacuate and relocate them to safer places.

One team of the National Disaster Response Force and four teams of the State Disaster Response Force have reached Joshimath for deployment.

Going by the recommendations of an expert committee, the government decided to demolish all damaged buildings, including Army and Indo Tibetan Border Police colonies.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on the situation in Joshimath and Karnprayag and assured all possible help. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister P K Mishra held a high-level online review meeting with top bureaucrats and experts to address the situation. Short, medium and long term plans are being chalked out to check land subsidence in future.

Scientists have collected samples of water at Joshimath, the NTPC's Tapovan tunnel and a couple of other places to ascertain their pH value, which is a measure of how acidic or basic the water is. Dr Gopal Krishna, a scientist at the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, said, "The pH value and isotopes of the four samples help figure out if there is any similarity between the water from the tunnel and that in the damaged houses in Joshimath."

Experts were surprised to see water leaking into Joshimath, nestled amid green valleys under the tunnel. The leak is at the origin of the Rishiganga river outside the tunnel, about 18 km from Joshimath.

A temple that collapsed after the gradual sinking of Joshimath area in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand on Sunday | PTI

OFF TARGET

Broken bow breaks an archer's dream

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A broken bow has broken the dreams of archer Deepti Kumari. She now sells tea in Ranchi to repay a loan taken by her mother from a Self Help Group (SHG) to buy professional archery equipment for her.

"I started archery in 2006 and have participated in several national tournaments," she said. In 2012, she participated in cadet world championship and won gold in 60 metres round, bronze in 50 metres and silver in 30 metres.

"In the meantime, my bow broke," she said, adding that her parents could not afford another one due to their poor financial situation.

Her mother had taken a loan of ₹7 lakh from a Self Help Group in Jharkhand's Lohardaga district. About ₹4.5 lakh of that amount was invested in buying the bow, which broke.

Though she later bought a bamboo bow and won medals with it at various domestic levels, including national junior and national senior, till 2018, she could not participate in international tournaments as they don't allow bamboo bows.

"I can still shoot the target without missing it. If I get a job, I would be able to support my family and continue my practice and win medals," she said

Deepti's coach said she is quite talented and can do well if given a chance.

Archer Deepti Kumari at her tea shop in Ranchi | EXPRESS

Hunt for govt jobs

Deepti Kumari said she had applied for government jobs at the time Chief Minister Hemant Soren had announced jobs meritorious sportspersons, but did not get the job call. "I had no option left, but to find a way to earn, and I've been selling tea here for the last two years," she said

AI action should have been swifter: Tata Group head

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ADMITTING to lapses by an Air India crew in dealing with a drunk passenger who flashed and peed on a woman co-passenger a few weeks ago, Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran on Sunday said the airline's response should have been much swifter.

In a statement, Chandrasekaran admitted the airline fell short of addressing the situation the way it should have. "The incident on Air India flight AI102 on November 26, 2022, has been a matter of personal anguish to me and my colleagues at Air India. Air India's response should have been much swifter. We fell short of addressing this situation the way it should have been," the statement read.

The offender has since been arrested and remanded in judicial custody. "We will review and repair every process to prevent or address any incidents of such unruly nature," Chandrasekaran assured.

Aviation regulator DGCA had recently upbraided the airline for violating rules, saying it led to a systemic failure.

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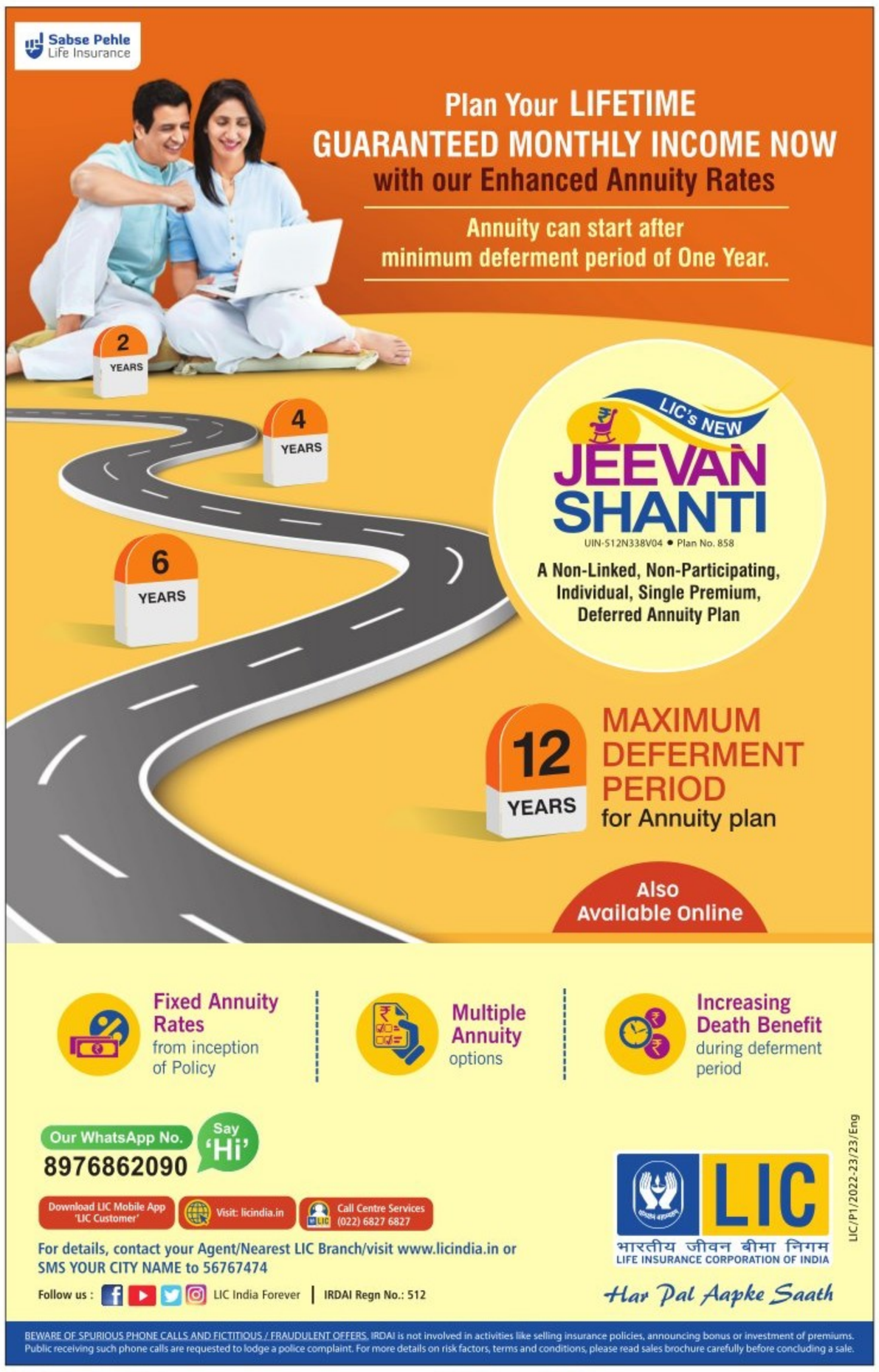
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Chitra Santhe to be held for two days: CM

'Space to be provided for other art forms'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ARTISTS from various parts of the state thronged the streets with their artworks and paintings transforming the otherwise bland hues into a fusion of colours.

The 20th edition of the Chitra Santhe organised by Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath in association with the Higher Education Department was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday.

From now onwards, Bommai suggested that the santhe be organised for two days, and announced that a dedicated space would be provided to artists to exhibit other art forms as well.

The Kumara Krupa road was barricaded to facilitate unimpeded showcasing of art and giving people an opportunity to steep themselves in appreciating the strokes of brilliance. Footpaths, iron railings and bus stops on either side of the road were enveloped by wonderful pieces of art.

Bommai said that such a santhe should be organised many times a year across various parts of the state in Mangaluru, Hubballi, Dharwad to provide artists from these areas a platform to exhibit their their work of art. He described the city which has seen Maharajas and then become the lodestar of information and bio technologies and startups while still nurturing the passion towards art and culture.

The Chitrakala Parishath is an unique platform in the country that provides disciplined artists a stage to share their interests with people and also observe their response, the CM said, adding that steps must be taken to take Parishath to a national-level at par with the IITs and IIMs.

Srinidhi (24), assistant artist, Art for Heart, said, "An artist always stays indoors and a santhe like this gives him or her an opportunity to come out and interact with people and other artists. It also gives people who have just started out a platform to showcase their work and bolster their business."

It was a medley of various art forms ranging from modern art to acrylic painting, sand art, charcoal painting, and even traditional forms like Madhubani and Warli. Artists were even doing live sketching of the visitors, and painting faces of kids and temporary tattoos.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai purchases a painting during Chitra Santhe in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Artist's scoop: Ex-scribe gets ₹3.5L for painting

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

A former journalist-turned-artist Ganapathi Agnihotri, 44, from North Karnataka sold his painting for Rs 3.5 lakh in the first half of the day at Chitra Santhe on Sunday. The 16-ft-tall painting was inspired by the regular sightings of hornbills in Dandeli, a small village near his hometown, Agnihotri said. Keeping in mind the sight of the hornbills sitting on trees, he began to capture them on the canvas. "I started the painting a week before Chitra Santhe, and completed it in five days. The response the painting has elicited is massive," he said.

The customer bought the painting without much fuss, he said, and appreciated the santhe as an initiative for providing an opportunity for artists. Many artists said that other states have tried to replicate the idea of a santhe but have failed.

Locality, Metro stn for specially-abled on cards

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a push from the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), BMRCL will be making the Ragigudda Metro station of phase-II and its surrounding roads easily accessible for specially-abled. This station is on the elevated RV Road-Bommasandra Line and has a prosthetic Institute and an organisation for the specially-abled in the vicinity.

BMRCL will ensure ensure that those at Mobility India, a non-profit that provides assisting devices and addresses issues for specially-abled, and the Samrathanam Trust for the Disabled would be able to access the station directly.

A top BMRCL official said DULT has sent three proposals to them and they were working on them. The proposals include making the neighbourhood streets accessible and inclusive with due consideration given to the specially-challenged, improving accessibility to metro station with universal accessible ramps, and improvements at Marenahalli junction to ensure safety of those from the two organisations while crossing.

Sharing the details, she said that table top crossing across the streets, guard rail, tactile pavers and cobbling the Maranahalli junction to reduce the vehicular speed were among the measures under consideration. All these measures could cost an estimated Rs 1.5 crore. "DULT will be funding the cost while BMRCL will ensure the infrastructure," another official said. DULT Commissioner V Manjula said, "We have sent a proposal to BMRCL to improve last-mile connectivity. We are awaiting a detailed estimate from them."

"We also plan to develop the unused BBMP vacant space adjacent to the station as a vibrant public space for easy access for specially-abled," the official added.

A senior official said, "While all Metro stations are disabled-friendly, this is the first one in which a holistic development of the entire neighbourhood is being planned to make Metro travel comfortable for specially-abled."

While all Metro stations are disabled-friendly, this is the first time that holistic development of a neighbourhood is being planned to make Metro travel comfortable for specially-abled

A senior official

New road opened to enter, exit airport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a relief to those heading to Kempegowda International Airport, operator Bangalore International Airport Ltd announced that it has opened an additional access road with separate entry and exit lanes on Sunday.

The route takes one to the airport, both from Devanahalli as well as the Trumpet interchange.

A map released on its Twitter handle shows the route to the left of Devanahalli going via the terminal boulevard (near the newly launched Kempegowda statue), crossing the Air Traffic Control Office and reaching Terminal 1 near the departure area. It can also be reached from Trumpet Avenue by around the trumpet.

A separate lane on the road has been demarcated for exit from the airport.

The present routes are from the Main Access Road, Begur and from the Suburban halt station.

BIAL was unable to give any details about the new road.

Students being targeted for taking part in agitation, alleges NSUI

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka branch of the National Students Union of India (NSUI) alleged that colleges are targeting students for taking part in a bandh on December 17.

NSUI state president Kirthi Ganesh appealed to teachers and colleges that students who have participated in the bandh not be given internal marks arbitrarily.

"College students have been facing several issues, especially the first batch who have the National Education Policy curriculum. The students are still confused about their syllabus, are yet to receive textbooks and have not received their marks for a year, which has happened for the first time," Kirthi told TNIE.

The bandh was aimed to address these issues and highlight the failure of the government to release scholarship funds and hike in government fees by almost 100 per cent. "The state-wide bandh had seen participation from almost 75 per cent of the colleges. Some PU colleges also voluntarily participated in the protest. Now, there are complaints from students that they are being targeted for participating in the bandh," he said.

Kirthi said that NSUI has received around 1,500 complaints from students, who have alleged that they are being targeted for taking part in the bandh. "Students have alleged that teachers have either not awarded them internal marks or have threatened their marks will be reduced as they had participated in the bandh which was against the government since some faculty members are aligned with RSS. Other students have complained that they are confused as their attendance have been wrongly marked, especially for students in PU colleges," he said.

Students have also alleged that the faculty have threatened to contact their parents and suspend them. "Students are facing a lot of issues including poor basic amenities in the colleges and failure to provide proper transport in rural areas. At least two lakh students have given up their education as they did not get their scholarships on time," he said.

EXPRESS READ

2-day exhibition by BU museum from Jan 10

The Bangalore University History Museum is scheduled to organise a two-day exhibition showcasing a number of several documents and photographs. The exhibition, which will be held on January 10 and January 11, will be held in collaboration with the Karnataka State Archives Department. **ENS**

Metro QR ticketing system faces glitch

For the second time in a month, BMRCL's QR ticketing system malfunctioned due to technical issues inconveniencing thousands of commuters. Long queues were noticed at many Metro stations from 4.45 pm and the issue was resolved by 9.15 pm. The ticket money had been deducted from the accounts but no acknowledgement was generated, said many commuters. This was the WhatsApp message they received: "Looks like I have encountered some technical issue. Apologies, your ticket booking request has failed. The refund for the amount has been raised. The amount would be credited to the source of payment within 7 business days." On an average, between 10,000 and 12,000 commuters book QR tickets using WhatsApp chatbot. The facility was launched on November 1 to prevent crowding. - **S Lalitha**

Awaiting traffic nod to take up Wind Tunnel Rd underpass work: BBMP

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

BBMP'S plan for an underpass at ISRO-Wind Tunnel Road to ease traffic has been derailed as the permission from the traffic department is pending.

The Old Airport Road will see movement of more VVIPs and VIPs as the state is gearing up for elections, it will be a herculean task for the traffic police, and so permission has been delayed, a top BBMP official said.

According to Vinayak Sugur, chief engineer, central projects division, BBMP, since the project will be executed in coordination with the traffic department, it might take 60 to 70 days to finish the project after the work starts.

BBMP engineers said that the features of the project are similar to the HAL-Suranjan Das underpass.

"We acquired 1,240 sqft of land from both ISRO and National Aerospace Limited and have already completed the service road on one side. After the traffic department gives permission, we will begin work on Wind Tunnel Road Junction to HP petrol bunk side and put concrete boxes, asphalt and make a carriageway," said an official.

Another official said that the traffic department is under pressure because at least three VIPs are scheduled to come to the HAL airport in view of the Assembly elections.

"Although the previous traffic police chief Ravikanthe Gowda had given permission, the jurisdictional traffic should also be taken into confidence. Since MA Saleem has taken charge as special commissioner, traffic, the jurisdictional traffic officials are asking the BBMP to get new permission, which is also delaying the work," an official added.

Saleem said that said that the permission will be given only after BBMP completes work on alternate Old Madras and 100 Feet Road in Indiranagar.

"The BBMP is already doing development work on the Old Madras Road. If work on the ISRO-Wind Tunnel Road junction begins now, it might lead to traffic problems. After finishing the Old Madras Road work, BBMP can take up the underpass work," he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

09TH January: Leonine patterns make for a lively and creative day. Think ahead over the rest of the year and plan for your hopes to come true. More than that, bring partners' wishes into the equation. The more you look after other people, the better they will care for you.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The week kicks off with a charming and practical Moon, a fair enough indication that if you want to get the best out of people you will have to be as solicitous, kind and charming as you can. Admit it: partners respond well to generous gestures, sympathetic words and practical help. Offer the carrot before the stick!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
On the whole it's a good day for routine work, so there are no big surprises there. On the other hand, it's a week for grand romantic passion, so slip out of your Taurean taboos and inhibitions now. It's time to show that you care! Even if you surprise someone!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The most significant factor today is the movement of your planetary ruler, Mercury, aligned with your house of relationships. This is a firm indication that from now until the very end of the month you must, at all times, remain in dialogue with partners on all matters.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
As from today you will begin to think anew about working commitments, but I suspect that you have a great many passions and pent-up feelings to release before you can formulate your thoughts coherently. You need to get your head and your heart working together. Y

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
So much hinges around home and family relationships that it is difficult to imagine your achieving anything without the benefit of your unique past and background. For some of you it will be memories that dominate your actions, rather than actual people.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
One factor in your chart suggests domestic purchases, another endows common sense. Don't expect excitement, but do realise that the more you accomplish now, the more time you'll have to yourself later on. You may also expect a favour to be repaid, although don't hold your breath!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Today's lunar prospects are bound to give you more confidence but will, from time to time, bring up slightly painful memories. Actually, this is a perfect moment to assert your will in family relationships. You never know - perhaps partners will respect you more for your determination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If you can't put your finger on exactly what's going on, don't worry - you're almost certainly in good company. Only when other people have made you feel that you are wanted and valued will you be able to look back and see what you have been going through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The requirements of social stars don't just mean that you'll be mixing in friendly company. Even at work, it will be your ability to get on with people and operate as part of a team that determines your success. But, at home, you need to give people a good reason why they should do what you tell them!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
In the romantic department it may be too late to grasp a distant opportunity. Perhaps it was all an illusion in any case. On the other hand, quite aside from daily ups and downs, this is a week to bring out and develop your creative fantasies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There should be a sense of triumph in your life this week, almost as if you are about to get something right when other people have for so long doubted your true qualities and talents. You will soon prove yourself, so stick to what you know to be right.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
For once you are being encouraged to be true to your feelings, rather than covering them up. The trouble, as far as anyone can tell, is that the moment to act may have passed while you were dithering. Never mind, there's bound to be another chance, even if it's not exactly in the same form.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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7	6	5	3	9	4	2	1	8
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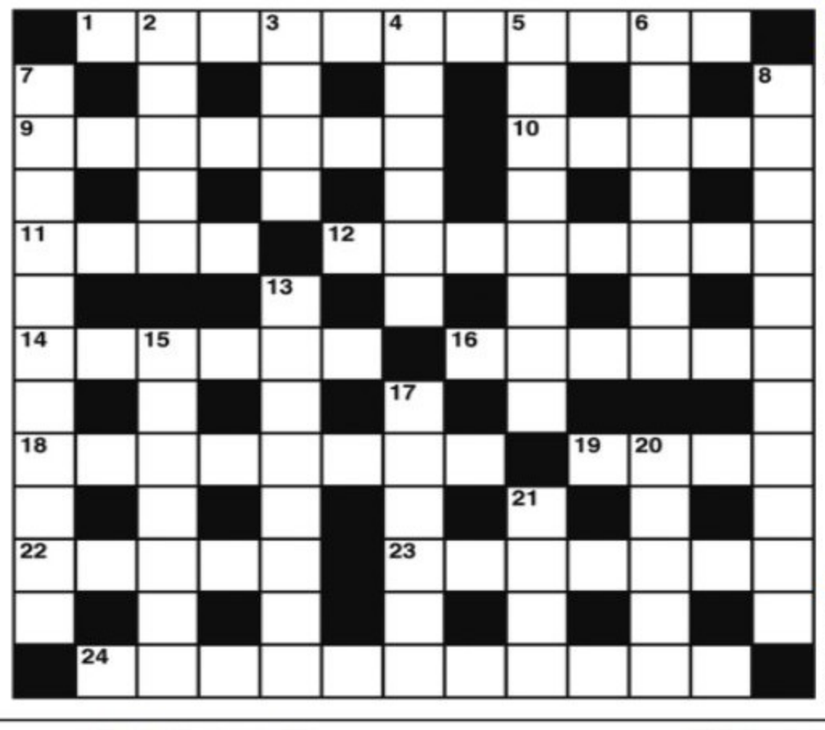

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Intend to deceive a model (11)
9 Change of Ontario address (7)
10 Gosh! Southeastern birds (5)
11 Stay in a castle (4)
12 Dispirited by a puncture in actual fact (8)
14 Ex-star replaced in crowd scenes (6)
16 Some easterners taken back (6)
18 Goes and returns (8)
19 A very incomplete state (4)
22 Wash out the hair like some barber in Seville (5)
23 High spirits make one of the family lose his head (7)
24 One who prefers to be lacking in spirit (11)

DOWN

2 Give an address or a note (5)
3 I left to start work (4)
4 Way men ran all over the place (6)
5 In terms of the law all geese are wild (8)
6 It may support the board (7)
7 Librarians perhaps may fine them (11)
8 Special band for the match (7,4)
13 Vulgar fellows start telling a low story (8)
15 Beat after exciting recount (7)
17 Notice a split coming (6)
20 Olive ordered dainty fabric (5)
21 Catch or fastener (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Deploy, 4 Elevator, 9 Educed, 10 Aggrieve, 12 Side, 13 Haste, 14 Edge, 17 Gift of the gab, 20 Rubber dinghy, 23 Used, 24 Rarer, 25 Coda, 28 Province, 29 Safari, 30 Receiver, 31 Settle.

Down: 1 Dressage, 2 Plum duff, 3 Open, 5 Lighthearted, 6 Very, 7 Trendy, 8 Reeled, 11 Carte blanche, 15 Bonus, 16 Nadir, 18 Ignorant, 19 Dynamite, 21 Bumper, 22 Heroic, 26 Mini, 27 Gate.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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PLUCTS

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SPOIL WRECK MANAGE BOUNCE
Answer: Having so many crows right outside their window was beginning to — "CAWS" A PROBLEM

A theatre artiste who was popular in the drama circles died while performing in a play at a village in Mandya. The deceased is identified as Nanjaiah from Malavalli in the district. He was playing the role of Satyaki in the play 'Kurukshetra Krishna Sandhana' at Basavanagudi in Banduru village of Malavalli taluk, Mandya district

Farmer dies as racing cart ploughs into crowd

Cheering 10-year-old suffers severe injuries in bullock cart race held without permission in Mandya taluk

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

A 55-year-old farmer was killed and a 10-year-old boy was seriously injured after they came under the wheels of a bullock cart during a race held in Chikka Mandya village on Sunday. They were cheering the bullock cart race, when a cart ploughed into the spectators.

While Nagaraju from Kilara village of Mandya taluk died on the spot, Hruthvik from Hulivana village was seriously injured and is battling for his life in hospital.

Spectators cheer bullock carts darting to the finish line in a race held in Mandya taluk on Sunday | EXPRESS

The incident happened during the eighth edition of the annual inter-state bullock cart race organised by Hallikeshwara Boreshwara and Raitha Mitra Balaga at Chikka Mandya village of Mandya taluk.

More than 84 pairs of bulls from various places competed in the race. The competition was launched on Saturday and the organisers had arranged the finals on Sunday. Hundreds of people from the surrounding villages had gathered at the venue to watch the finale.

As the final race began, two pairs of bulls started to run to the finish in the 100-metre race. Nagaraju and Hruthvik were standing at the finishing line, along with hundreds of other villagers. As the bullock carts approached the finishing line, the audience started to run amok to escape getting hit by the carts. In the chaos, Nagaraju and Hruthvik were unable to escape and came under the wheels of one of the speeding carts, which ploughed into the crowd.

The people who gathered at the place rushed both the victims to MIMS Hospital. But Nagaraju had succumbed to injuries, while Hruthvik was admitted in the emergency ward with serious injuries. Meanwhile, the organisers have absconded and have also switched off their cellphones to evade arrest.

Organisers had not taken permission for the event

Reportedly, the organisers had not taken permission from the taluk administration and the police department to organise the race. The revenue department had issued notice to the organisers to postpone the event as cattle were being affected with lumpy skin disease. But they continued with the event. The officers had also complained to the DC against the organisers.

SAFE SPACE

Shelter homes for transgender kids wait for govt nod

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

INDIA's first shelter homes for transgender children, which were approved two years ago, are yet to get the nod from the Karnataka government. Officials from the Directorate of Child Protection said they are expected to be up and running in 2023.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development gave approval for the state government's project to start shelter homes for transgender children in 2020. The motive of initiating such shelter homes is to provide a safe space for the children, who are victims of bullying or violence. Children who need care and protection are to be accommodated in these shelter homes.

Niveditha S, project incharge, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, explained that there are no government-run shelter homes for transgender children. "They need special care as at a young age, they tend to get bullied and even harassed for their identity. Often, they end up feeling unsafe living with other children in regular shelter homes," she said, highlighting the need to set up separate homes for such children, which would be a first-of-its-kind.

As of now, two shelter homes are to be set up in Bengaluru. Niveditha said there are certain administrative delays and if all the approvals come in before the current financial year ends, the homes are expected to be up and running later in the year.

Kavitha Rathna, director of advocacy, Concerned For Working Children, explained that there was a need to destigmatise taboos associated with the transgender community. They must be socially accepted in the first place, and an institution must be the last resort for providing care to them. She said the children end up feeling lonely if they grow away from their families. There is a need to create an inclusive environment for the transgender community, and beyond shelter, also provide counselling, guidance, vocational training and education.

No state tableau as Centre giving chance to others: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A day after facing flak from opposition parties over state's tableau getting rejected for the Republic Day parade, Karnataka Information Department clarified that the central government has taken an initiative to provide opportunity to the states that have not taken part or have participated the least number of times in the last eight years. Hence, the state government was not given a chance to showcase their tableau.

After the state's tableau failed to make it to the Republic Day parade, opposition parties and Kannada organisations hit out at the state government, alleging that they have "failed to safeguard" the interests of the state. Former chief minister and leader of opposition Siddaramaiah called the situation unfortunate, and tweeted that the rejection of the tableau reflects the seriousness with which the central government is upholding the pride of the state.

"If the lists of states that have taken part earlier and the states selected this year are compared, it is evident that most of the three states that have bagged the top prizes in 2022, have not been selected this year. The rest of the states that have taken part last year have not been selected," it read.

Highest number of road accident deaths in city since 2017

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@ Bengaluru

AS life came back to normal post-pandemic in 2022, Bengaluru saw 777 deaths in 748 fatal road accidents, which is the highest since 2017. In 2020 and 2021, the number of fatal accidents came down as the government imposed lockdowns, restricting the movement of vehicles. But still, the numbers hovered over 600.

In the last six years, only 2019 witnessed over 700 such deaths at 766 from 744 fatal accidents. But the highest ever has been in 2016 when 793 deaths due to road accidents were witnessed.Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MA Saleem said, "The numbers are almost the same as in 2019. Deaths are fewer as compared to the number of vehicles in the city at 1.7 crore."

He said this year, the Bengaluru Traffic Police are planning strict traffic enforcement measures. "Action against riding without helmet, drunk driving and over-speeding is going to be even more vigorous this year. These are usually the main reasons for deaths due to road accident in Bengaluru," he said.

In some cases, fatal accidents can be attributed to bad quality of city roads, he added.

SPIRITUAL WALK

Bengalureans take part in a walkathon ahead of Vivekananda Jayanti, which falls on January 12, in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

CRIME PATROL

Three, including couple, held for murdering man

Bengaluru: The Electronic City police have arrested three persons, including a couple, for allegedly murdering a man and taking the body on a two-wheeler for 6 km to dump it. The accused have been identified as Reena, her husband Gangesh, and Bijoy, all from Uttar Pradesh. They had allegedly murdered Nebashish Pal of Assam. Police said the body of an unidentified man was found at an isolated area on Basapura Road on the morning of January 3, and later, the identity was established as Pal, a resident of Koodlu. "A search for the assailants began and three persons were arrested within 48 hours after it was reported. Investigations revealed that Gangesh and Reena were living with their children in Dodda Thogur. Reena was working in a garment factory. She came in contact with Pal through a friend and they both had an extra-marital affair," the police said.

Man held for uploading private videos of ex-GF

Bengaluru: A 47-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly uploading his ex-girlfriend's private videos on social media for not heeding his demands for sexual favours. Samar Pramanik of West Bengal was nabbed by the North East CEN police based on a complaint from a 21-year-old woman from the same state. The complainant was working in a salon in Yelahanka, where the accused had befriended her. He also recorded their private moments without her knowledge, police said. "He forced her to work in a dance bar by blackmailing with those videos and used to take her money. Fed up, she claimed she had some health problems and returned to her hometown, where she got married and moved to Kodigehalli. The accused learnt about this and demanded sexual favours and threatened to upload the videos," the police said.

Against all odds: Akshata punches much above her weight

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @ Belagavi

COMING from a small village, Halaga, in Belagavi taluk, she faced near-insurmountable odds to take up weightlifting as a passion and reach new heights in the sport. But 22-year-old Akshata Baswant Kamati's sheer willpower and her family's support have helped her achieve some outstanding performances at national-level competitions.

Only on Saturday, she bagged gold at the National Weightlifting Championship at Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu in the 87 kg weight group in the snatch and clean and jerk categories.

In fact, at Khelo India held in Pune, she set a record by lifting 176 kg in the 76 kg category and won gold at the junior national championship in the 81 kg category at the 32nd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships at Bodh Gaya in Bihar.

Akash Kamati, her elder brother, said Akshata was in eighth standard at Sharada Girls High School in Halaga when the school started special coaching classes for weightlifting and she got fascinated by it. Initially, a few villagers told the family that weightlifting was not a sport for a girl. She would soon prove them wrong. When she was in tenth standard, she won gold at a national level competition, bringing laurels to the village and making villagers proud, he said.

Her father, Baswant, said his family owns 10 guntas of land which is divided among three brothers. Though the government looks after Akshata's stay, coaching and food, her other expenses, including those needed for her special diet, proteins and incidentals, run up to over ₹25,000 per month.

Akshata began special coaching when she was in Class 8

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3		BWSSB/EEC/PB/2690 2022-23 Dated: 07.01.2023 (Reserved for ST Category) Call-2	2	Rs. 3,92,853/- / Rs. 4.,950/-		
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (Central)	
Office of the Chief Engineer(South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.						
4	South West-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/1346/ 2022-23 Dated: 06.01.2023	1	Rs. 9,97,260/- / Rs. 25,000/-	19.01.2023 upto 4:00 pm	21.01.2023 after 3:00 p.m.
5			2	Rs. 11,83,076/- / Rs. 29,600/-		
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West-1)	
6	South - 2	BWSSB/EES2/PB/645/ 2022-23 Dated: 05.01.2023	Rs. 28,16,310/- / Rs.56,400/-		23.01.2023 upto 4:00 pm	25.01.2023 after 4:00 p.m.
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Office of the Chief Engineer(East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.						
7	East-1	BWSSB/EE(East-1)/PB/2363/ 2022-23 Dated: 04.01.2023 Call-2	Rs. 11,81,380/- / Rs. 29,535/-		23.01.2023 upto 4:00 pm	25.01.2023 after 5:00 p.m.
8		BWSSB/EE(East-1)/PB/2365/ 2022-23 Dated: 04.01.2023 (Reserved for SC Category)	1	Rs. 45,86,094/- / Rs. 45,900/-		
9			2	Rs. 23,34,656/- / Rs. 25,000/-		
10		BWSSB/EE(East-1)/PB/2365/ 2022-23 Dated: 04.01.2023 (Reserved for ST Category)	3	Rs. 42,41,952/- / Rs. 42,420/-		
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)	

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IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE (26th ACMM)

C.C. No. 15709 / 2018

Between : Bank of Baroda, Byrasandra Branch, No.1380/A, 'Nidhi', East End Main Road, Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore-560 041, Represented by its Chief Manager, Mr.Ashok B. Marali.

...Complainant

AND : M/s. Sreenidhi Manufacturers ...Accused

PROCLAMATION TO ACCUSED UNDER SECTION 82 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE

1. M/s. Sreenidhi Manufacturers, Partnership Firm, Represented by its Partner, Mr. K.S. Nagesha, S/o Late Srinivasaiah, No.96 & 97, Near Canara Bank, Nanjundaiah Layout, Begur, Bangalore-560 068.

WHEREAS the complainant has filed the above case against the accused on 05-05-2018 under Section 200 of Cr. P. C read with 138 & 142 of the Negotiable Instrument Act (as amended) against the accused offences committed by the accused punishable under Section 138 read with 142 of Negotiable Instrument Act. for the recovery of debt a sum of Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lakhs only). The above mentioned accused are required to appear before this Hon'ble Court **on 13.02.2023 at 11.00 AM.**, in person/s or by Pleader / Advocate duly instructed to proceed in the case in accordance with law.

Take notice that in case of default, the above case will be heard and further preceded in the case in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21.12.2022.

By Order of the Court, Shirastedar, XXVI ACMM Court, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT MAGADI

O. S. No.220/2020

BETWEEN: **Sri. Anub,** S/o. Sri. Narayanan, Aged about 46 years, R/at No.112, 13 Cross, LN Puram, Sriram Puram, Bengaluru-560021

...Plaintiff

V/s.

Sri. B. S. Manjunath & another

...Defendants

Notice/Summons to Defendant No.1 and Defendant No.2 under Order 5 Rule 20(1A) of CPC

To: Defendant No.1 Sri. B. S. Manjunath, S/o. Sri. Sundarappa, Aged about 56 years, R/at No.7, 1st Main, Sreegandha Kaavalu, Chandrashekar Extension, Bengaluru-560091

Defendant No.2 Sri. S. Shakthi Velu, Aged about 40 years, No.661/57, 2nd Cross, 8th Main Road, Prakash Nagar, Bengaluru-560 021

Whereas, the plaintiff has filed the above suit before this Hon'ble Court for Declaration. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Senior Civil Judge, Magadi in person or by counsel / advocate and able to answer all material questions Cvelating to the petition at 11 A.M. on 9.2.23 Take notice that in default of appearance on the said date and time, the petition will be heard exparte and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this day of 5.1.23.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar Sr. Civil Judge Magadi

Advocate for Plaintiff: **Sri. M. M. SWAMY,** Advocate, B-207, No. 26, II Floor, Brigade Majestic, 1st Main; Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-500009. Mo: 99454 46688 Email: mm_swamy2009@rediffmail.com

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The Kodagu division forest department has nabbed the accused in the case of hunting a bison near the Nagarhole National Park, Mathigodu. An eight-year-old bison was shot by hunters on the midnight of December 27 in the forest area near Ane Chaukuru

TIME TO VOTE FOR CONG: KHARGE TO KANNADIGAS

AICC chief reminds them of his K'taka roots, accuses BJP of choking dissent

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, KPCC president DK Shivakumar, CLP leader Siddaramaiah and other senior leaders at Congress' Aikyatha Samavesha in Chitradurga on Sunday | EXPRESS

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

"TAKE note of Karnataka's pride and vote a Congress government to power in 2023," said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge at the 'Aikyatha Samavesha', an event organised for the SC/ST community by the Grand Old Party on Sunday.

Addressing the mammoth gathering here, Kharge noted that when Prime Minister Narendra Modi went to Gujarat and called himself the son of the soil, people went and voted for him. "Now it is the turn of Kannadigas to vote for Congress, since I come from this state, and I appeal to you," added the AICC president.

Jobs for SC/STs, OBCs

Attacking the Union government on the jobs issue, Kharge claimed that there are 30 lakh vacancies in the government sector across India, of which 15 lakh belong to the SC/ST and OBC categories, as per constitutional reservation. However, the BJP knows that if these jobs are filled up, the SC/STs and OBCs will be empowered and their game-plan will not work, hence they are not filling up these posts. "A majority of highly-qualified graduates are sitting idle at home. The Centre, instead of giving them permanent jobs, is filling them on the basis of outsourcing, which is totally wrong," he further claimed.

The Congress president further said that going by the assurance of PM Modi in 2014, 18 crore jobs should have been created by now, but this has fallen flat. The Congress will question the BJP on all platforms. Kharge further alleged that the Centre has stopped scholarships for SC/STs and minorities and minimum support price, while farm income has not doubled too. Various other problems are gripping the country, which have to be pointed put and questioned.

Meanwhile, Kharge also accused the BJP of curtailing the right to expression, terming it anti-constitutional.

Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar slam BJP on SC/ST quota hike promise

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

GIVING the BJP an ultimatum to give a constitutional touch to enhanced reservation by January 30, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday said the Congress will take to the streets if it fails to do so. At the SC/ST convention here, he said the Central government should bring in necessary modifications to the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution to increase reservation for SCs from 15 to 17 per cent, and for STs from 3 to 7 per cent.

Questioning the BJP on the inordinate delay in implementing the Justice Nagmohan Das Committee recommendations, Siddaramaiah said the government made the announcement 2 years 10 months after the report was submitted in 2020. He also called the 10 per cent EWS reservation "illegal", saying it is to be given only for the oppressed sections.

Former Union minister of state Anantkumar Hegde has said the BJP has come to power just to change the Constitution, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have remained silent, he said. Meanwhile, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said he is confident the Congress will win 136 seats. Requesting the public to take a pledge to form the Congress government in Karnataka and at the national level, he said at the SC/ST Aikyatha Samavesha,"The party is very strong at the village and booth level, and the 10 declarations adopted at Chitradurga show we are committed for the uplift of the SC/ST community."

Calling upon society to protect the Constitution, he said the BJP plays on emotional issues, however, Congress wants to build a strong country in which equality prevails. "Don't get drawn by the lies of BJP. They have not kept any assurances," he warned. He alleged that the BJP is misguiding and creating confusion on the reservation issue. Recalling the success of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, he spoke of other party rallies too -- Mekedatu Padayatra, Siddaramaiah's 75-year walk, Mahadayi, Krishna water struggle and Aikyatha Samavesha. The Congress is organising a programme to strengthen woman power in Karnataka, and two women will be selected from each panchayat. Discussions will be considered while drafting a separate manifesto for women.

POLL POSITION

Congress bus yatra from Jan 12

BENGALURU: The Congress is all set to kickstart its 'Prajadhwani bus yatra' on January 12, under the leadership CLP leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar. The yatra will start from Belagavi. Sources say its similar to AICC leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala will supervise the rallies. The team will start with Chikkodi and Belagavi, and move to Hosapete, Koppal and Bagalkot on January 17, then cover Gadag, Hubballi, Haveri and Davanagere, before reaching Bengaluru on January 19. Later, they leave for Hassan, Chikkamagaluru and Mangaluru on January 21. In Old Mysuru, meetsings will be held in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Tumakuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Ramanagara. In the final leg, they will cover Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Bidar on January 28. ENS

Siddu may declare Kolar as his seat

KOLAR: Congress Legislative Party leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah is likely to declare his decision to contest from the Kolar Assembly segment in the upcoming election, during his address to party leaders and workers here on monday. Sources said that after taking all issues into consideration and also speaking with senior Congress leaders, including former Union minister KH Muniyappa and former speaker KR Ramesh Kumar, Siddaramaiah has decided to contest from Kolar. Interestingly, this constituency is represented by K Srinivasa Gowda, who was elected on a JDS ticket, but later joined the Congress. He has also declared his intention to support Siddaramaiah. The meeting clearly indicates that Siddaramaiah is all set to announce his decision formally to contest from here. ENS

IS BJP POINTING AT JDS TO TARGET CONGRESS?

IN the run-up to the 2018 Assembly polls, then Congress president Rahul Gandhi had termed JDS as BJP's B-team. The strategy worked to some extent in discrediting the regional party among a section of minority community voters.

Now, fast forward to 2023. The countdown has started for the Assembly polls. The ruling BJP is making all-out efforts to return to power and JDS leaders have hit the ground running as if they are fighting the battle with their backs to the wall. As part of their larger strategy, they also seem to be trying to preempt a repeat of 2018.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's no-holds-barred attack on the regional party and JDS leaders returning the fire in equal measure indicate that they are extremely cautious about Congress' efforts to consolidate minority votes by putting them in the same bracket.

Shah tore into JDS in Mandya, the party's bastion, that too just hours after former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda had appreciated him in a public meeting. The BJP master strategist repeated the same line in Bengaluru the very next day, clearly indicating that it was not an off-the-cuff remark, but part of the party's well-thought-out strategy in the Old Mysuru region.

Shah is said to have given a clear mandate and a strategy to the party leaders in the state to win at least 35 seats in the region. Even in the party's internal meetings, the BJP top brass emphasised the need to send a clear message that it will not have an understanding with any party as confusion among voters could only help Congress.

BJP has been trying hard to make big gains in the Congress-JDS bastion by wooing Vokkaliga voters. The state government's decision to consider the community's demand for a change in the reservation matrix, though it still lacks clarity, and the unveiling of the Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda statue at the Bengaluru International Airport by Prime Minister Narendra Modi are seen as part of the party's efforts in that direction.

A strident attack on JDS is also part of a larger strategy. It plans to make big gains in the region at the cost of the regional party by projecting itself as a stronger alternative to anti-Congress voters in the Vokkaliga bastion.

The BJP sees JDS as an impediment in its attempts to get a clear majority in the state as the Old Mysuru region has largely remained out of bounds for it as far as Assembly polls are concerned, though it did well in the last Lok Sabha elections. The BJP has come to power in the state several times, but its best performance has been 110 seats, just three short of a simple majority, under BS Yediyurappa's leadership in 2008.

Now to bridge that gap, it is striving to occupy the JDS space in the region. Except in the Old Mysuru region, the BJP has managed to grow in all regions at the cost of anti-Congress parties as the Grand Old Party's support base across the state remains intact. But, for now, the BJP will be satisfied with making it a strong three-way fight in the Old Mysuru region and not letting Congress have a clear advantage.

On its part, the JDS is not confining itself to the Old Mysuru region alone. It is wooing Lingayats to get at least a few seats in North Karnataka and is trying to get support from Telugu-speaking voters in the border districts by joining hands with Telangana Chief Minister KC Chandrashekar Rao's party Bharat Rashtra Samiti.

The JDS, which is confident of retaining support from Vokkaligas, is going to polls with former Union Minister CM Ibrahim as the state unit president to send a clear message to the minorities. Apart from strong backing from the Vokkaligas, the regional party needs support from at least one more community to make it big in the polls.

The party seems to rely on the minority community to give it that much-needed push. This is where the BJP's attack can assist them.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the centenary celebrations of the upgraded government higher primary school at Savanuru taluk in Haveri on Sunday | EXPRESS

'Cong has no moral right to comment on Mahadayi'

HUBBALLI: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that the Congress has no moral right to speak about the Mahadayi diversion project. Replying to a query here on the proposed Congress convention on the Mahadayi issue, the chief minister said the project was implemented because of his "letter written in blood". He added that a canal of 5.5-km length was built during his tenure as the water resources minister. Lashing out at the Congress, he said, "What did the Congress do? The party supremo Sonia Gandhi announced during the election campaign in Goa that not a drop of water will be diverted to others. The Congress government built the wall to the canal constructed during the BJP regime. This shows how the Congress has become a stumbling block in bringing Mahadayi water to Karnataka." When asked about the border row with Maharashtra, Bommai said that a lot of reports have come before the reorganisation of states and only then did the Act become final. ENS

BJP TO CHART POLL STRATEGY AT ITS NATIONAL EXEC MEET

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AHEAD of Assembly polls this year, the BJP is expected to design its strategy and road map in the two-day National Executive Meeting, slated to begin on January 16. The meeting, which will be attended by CM Basavaraj Bommai, former CM BS Yediyurappa and others from the state, along with national leaders, is expected to chalk out region-based stratergies to gain more seats.

The meeting will also be attended by ministers Kota Srinivas Poojary and Govind Karjol in Delhi. BJP, which has already commenced its poll activities, is busy this month with rallies and Booth Vijaya initiatives, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hubballi and Kalaburgi in the second week of January. Also, many other leaders, including BJP national president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be in Karnataka this month.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, a senior leader on the condition of anonymity, said they have identified a number of seats that the BJP has won in the 2018 polls in Old Mysuru, Kalyana Karnataka, Kittur Karnataka, Bengaluru and other regions. "We are trying to increase by five to seven seats in each of these regions. For example, Old Mysuru has seven BJP MLAs, and we are targeting 14 seats. Similarly, Bengaluru has 15, which we want to take to 20. However, some regions, including coastal Karnataka, Malnad or even central Karnataka, we cannot increase our seats," he said.

This apart, they are also discussing other political issues, including taking on the Congress and JDS, which are busy with their own rallies. Though party leaders are saying they want to make 150 seats this time, there are many issues such as internal bickering, which also need to be addressed. The meeting may also discuss about cabinet expansion.

"CM Bommai is expected to get clearance from the party high command to expand his cabinet," sources said.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

CM's slip of tongue: Modi on his mind

Recently, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari was in Karnataka to inspect ongoing road projects, including the Bengaluru-Mysuru and Bengaluru-Chennai expressways. Gadkari later headed a review meeting. Briefing the media at the end of the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inspected the roads and held a review meeting. Within seconds, Bommai realised his gaffe, and changed Modi to Gadkari. Not surprising, though -- ahead of assembly polls, most BJP leaders in Karnataka are chanting the Modi mantra.

Babus ready to dive into political pool

As Karnataka goes to the hustings in April/May, a few officials are putting away files and tidying up their desks, ready to move out of babudom. Most of them hope to go with the wind, and be BJP nominees, with both cash and caste on their side. Retired IAS officer B H Anil Kumar is already campaigning in Koratagere, while B Puttaswamy, inspector at the directorate of civil rights enforcement in Mysuru, put in his papers with an eye on Kollegal seat, despite incumbent BSP MLA N Mahesh having joined the BJP. Challakere tahsildar N Raghumurthy is another hopeful. When sitting Congress MLA C Raghumurthy was busy attending the SC/ST Samavesha in Chitradurga on Sunday, Raghumurthy was busy attending to people's problems. He claims to have covered 78 of 132 villages in Challakere. But success rate for officers is not too encouraging, barring B C Patil, once an inspector and now agriculture minister.

WAR OF WORDS

Political untouchability in lit world too: Thinker at parallel meet

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Writer Banu Mushtaq and actor Prakash Raj at the Jana Sahitya Sammelana in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

"POLITICAL untouchability has seeped into the literary world. This development is an indication of danger. The government is trying to suppress all voices against it," said thinker Ramakrishna G.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the Jana Sahitya Sammelana organised by a section of writers and intellectuals through crowdfunding as a parallel meet to the 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana (All Indian Kannada Literature Conference) held here on Sunday. Slamming the government for the alleged sidelining of Muslim and Dalit writers at the state-sponsored Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, Ramakrishna said, "All humans must be treated with equality. They (the government) give lectures about 'culture', but have sacrificed it and have not bothered to involve themselves in heinous acts to suppress all voices that go against it. A movement should be taken up against this suppression".

Noted poet Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy said, "It is poets and artists who are building nations, not politicians or businessmen. Crisis is raging in all sectors of society that was never seen in India ever since Independence."

Writer Ravikumar recalled how Prof Chandrashekar Patil (known by his pen name Champa) kept politicians at bay from Kannada Sahitya Parishat Sammelans. He lamented that the festival of literature has been restricted to people with a common agenda.

Among the prominent resolutions passed at the sammelana are -- treating all humans equally without any discrimination on the basis of caste, gender or religion and nominating eligible candidates as president of Kannada Sahitya Sammelana. Resolutions were passed to oppose Hindi imposition, the merger of Nandini with North Indian institutions and the communal moves of the government.

Mandya to host next Sahitya Sammelana

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Haveri

THE next Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held in Mandya, with Ballari district of Kalyana Karnataka losing the race by a whisker.

The Executive Committee of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) took a decision on this at its meeting on Sunday, with KSP president Mahesh Joshi announcing the next venue for the annual Kannada literary meet

Actually, the committee met on Saturday night itself, but failed to arrive at a consensus on where the next meet should be held, since several district units of the KSP claimed their right to organise the Sammelana. As the meeting witnessed a verbal spat between committee members over the issue, the decision was deferred to Sunday.

Also, it is learnt that Joshi's stand on announcing the next venue, after visiting the districts which have evinced interest and taking stock of the infrastructure facilities there, earned the wrath of committee members. The latter refused to accept Joshi's stand and asked him not to set a new tradition.

On Sunday, the KSP chose to vote on the issue as it again failed to come to a general agreement. The important contenders were Mandya, Ballari, Chikkaballapur, and Chikkamagaluru. As the voting took place, Mandya received support of 17 members and Ballari lost the race by just one vote. Later, Joshi announced that the majority of members have come in support of Mandya to hold the 87th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana.

A Class 8 student allegedly died by suicide at his house near Vitla in Bantwal taluk of Dakshina Kannada district on Sunday. Hemanth (14) from Manila in Punacha village was a student of the Shri Devi Vidyakendra. His family was out for a religious programme during the incident

MAHA WAR OVER MAHADAYI

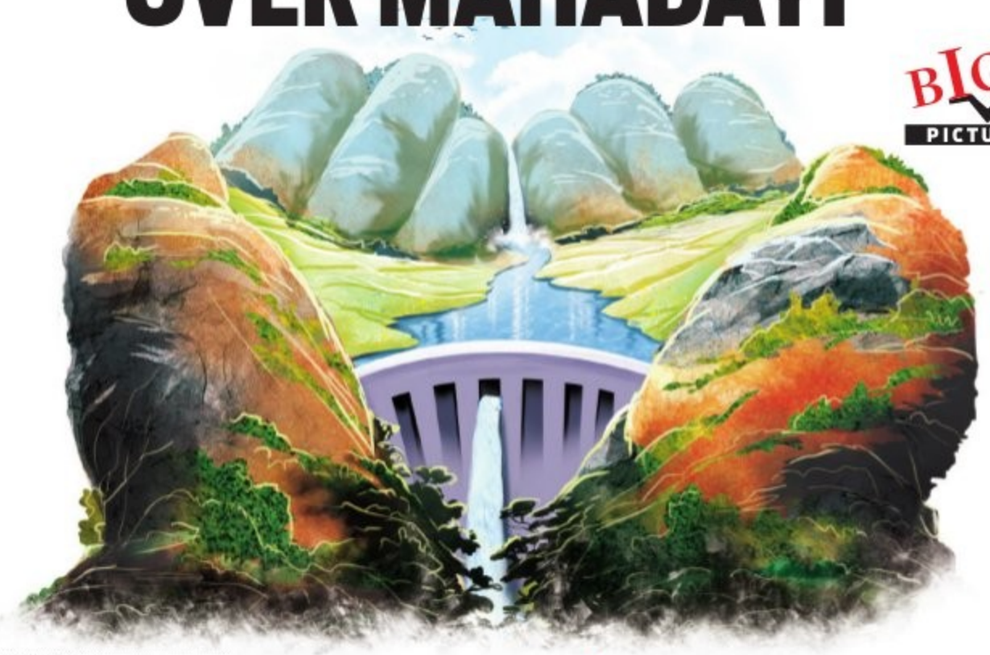
NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

THE Mahadayi river water has become a bone of contention for the governments of Goa and Karnataka ever since a proposal was made in the state legislative assembly in 1975 on the possibility of diverting water from the Mahadayi, the lifeline of Goa, to the Malaprabha river in Karnataka, to overcome the water crisis in several areas of North Karnataka. Even after 47 years, the Centre has been unable to resolve the Mahadayi imbroglio, though Karnataka came closer to getting the green signal to implement the Kalasa-Banduri drinking water project (a part of Mahadayi project) on several occasions in recent times.

All political parties and organisations in Goa are rallying behind the Goa government to prevent Karnataka from going ahead with the Kalasa-Banduri project, even as the Centre recently cleared the project's revised Detailed Project Reports (DPR). It comes in the backdrop of the award by Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal (MWDT) on August 14, 2018, allocating 13.42 tmcft of Mahadayi water (including 3.9 tmcft under Kalasa-Banduri project) to Karnataka. Chances of the Karnataka government getting the required forest and environment approval for the project are bright, given the slight damage to be caused to the forest in the project area, as per the revised DPR.

As the Basavaraj Bommai government prepares the ground for the project, the Goa government headed by Dr Pramod Sawant a week ago appealed to the Centre to immediately withdraw approval for the revised DPR, and decided to take an all-party delegation to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Besides demanding the creation of a Mahadayi Water Management Authority, the Goa government is leaving no stone unturned to prevent the project by Karnataka.

Goa's opposition parties, including the Congress, AAP and Goa Forward Party, have also joined forces with various organisations and environmentalists to launch an agitation against the contentious Mahadayi project, and hold a mega public rally on January 16 at Sanquelim, the home constituency of CM Sawant. The rally is being organised under the banner of a new front called 'Save Mahadayi, Save Goa'. The Goa government is also exploring all possible legal and political measures.



BIG PICTURE

PROJECT COST ₹ 1,677 crore according to earlier DPR | ₹ 1,700 crore as per revised DPR; likely to go up to ₹ 2400 cr

VICTORY FOR 30-YEAR STRUGGLE: CM BOMMAI

Announcing that the Centre has given the nod for Karnataka's revised DPR, CM Bommai recently declared in the legislative assembly that the government overcame several challenges. "It is the victory of a 30-year-long struggle of the farmers of North Karnataka. I will invite tenders and start work on the Kalasa-Banduri project at the earliest," he stated.

Hitting out at the Goa government, Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said, "Goa cannot prevent the Karnataka government from implementing the Kalasa-Banduri project as the MWDT has already awarded Karnataka its share of water. The Goa government should realise we are in a federal system. Since the Central government has cleared the project and notified it in the gazette, we will call for tenders in a month."

FLOW DIVERSION TO LIFT DIVERSION

Out of the total allocation of 13.42 tmcft of Mahadayi water, 2.18 tmcft was allocated under the Banduri project and 1.72 tmcft under the Kalasa project, by the MWDT in 2018. However, these allocations are made subject to fresh preparation of DPR (as directed by the Tribunal) and on obtaining applicable clearances from the Union government under the Forest Conservation Act of 1981, Environment Protection Act of 1985, etc.

Supreme Court advocate Mohan Katarki says, "Karnataka submitted its DPR for both Banduri and Kalasa in June 2022 to the Central Water Commission (CWC). In the fresh exercise, Karnataka changed the scheme from flow diversion to lift diversion.

This change not only reduced cost by two-third, it also reduced the requirement of forest area considerably. In the case of Banduri, the forest requirement is reduced from 183 hectares to 24 hectares. For Kalasa, the forest area requirement is reduced from 166 hectares to 37 hectares."

On appraisal, CWC found that DPRs for both Banduri and Kalasa are acceptable. Grant of clearance by the CWC is a significant step. Karnataka has got a Gate Pass to obtain the applicable statutory clearances and implement the project in due course of time, he said.

MWDT FINAL AWARD
(Aug 14, 2018)

Karnataka's struggle for its share of 36.55 tmcft of water, including 7.56 tmcft for drinking water, met with partial success when the MWDT awarded 13.02 tmcft to the state.

It allowed Karnataka to use 5.5 tmcft of water for drinking purpose, of which 3.90 tmcft is to be diverted to the Malaprabha basin through Kalasa nala (1.72 tmcft) and Banduri nala (2.18 tmcft), while 1.50 tmcft is for in-basin consumption in Khanapur region

MAHADAYI TIMELINE

- In 1975, Guledagudda MLA BM Horakeri first proposed the Mahadayi project in the assembly, claiming that water from the Mahadayi could be diverted to Malaprabha via Kalasa-Banduri nalas to overcome water crisis in large parts of North Karnataka, particularly Hubballi-Dharwad
- In early 1980s, farmers living on the banks of Malaprabha formed a committee, headed by then Opposition leader S R Bommai, when Gundu Rao was chief minister
- A massive agitation took place near Nargund and Navalgund, urging the government to implement the project; the issue turned serious in 1989, when Bommai was chief minister
- Bommai Sr held talks with then Goa CM Prabhakar Rane. When both CMs were about to reach an agreement on water sharing, environmentalists in Goa raised objections, contending it would cause major damage to flora and fauna of the Western Ghats
- Under pressure from Karnataka, the NDA government headed by then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee gave the green signal in 2002, but the Goa government again managed to get the project halted, citing various reasons
- Basavaraj Bommai (now CM) had staged several agitations with farmers from 2002 to 2004, and also took out a 250-km padayatra from Hubballi to Kalasa in 2003

NOTED social activist Ashok Chandargi from Belagavi recalled, "On the request of Goa government in 2003, the Centre formed the three-member Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal, headed by Justice J M Panchal. The latter took up hearing into the Mahadayi imbroglio on several occasions, and starting February 2018, regular hearings were taken up, and award pronounced for Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra on August 14, 2018. A few days later, all three stakeholder states moved the Supreme Court, seeking more share of water."

Eventually, the Supreme Court said Karnataka could utilise its share of water allotted by the tribunal after the final hearing into the case in February 2019. On February 27, the tribunal award was published in the gazette, asking Karnataka to implement the project only after getting environment and forest clearance, Chandargi said.

A few months ago, Karnataka submitted a revised DPR of Kalasa-Banduri, which was recently cleared by the Centre. According to sources, the Karnataka government has identified alternative land near Talsang, Athani taluk, to be handed over to the Forest department in replacement for forest land to be acquired on the Goa border for implementation of the project. However, it is not clear how Karnataka would defend the damage to be caused to wildlife, and only after it gives a satisfactory response on possible damage to the environment, the Centre may grant environment and forest approval to finally implement the Kalasa-Banduri project.

BULLISH ON TRADITION

As many as 210 tamers and 481 bulls participated in Tamil Nadu's first Jallikattu of 2023 in Pudukkottai on Sunday even as the Supreme Court verdict on petitions against the state law protecting the sport is awaited | EXPRESS

RACER KUMAR DIES AFTER CRASH AT NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

IN an unfortunate turn of events, **KE Kumar**, 59, an experienced and well-respected racer died at a hospital following a crash in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit in Irungattukottai on Sunday.

According to a statement issued by the organisers, the car slid across the track and landed on its roof. Going by recordings available on social media (taken from live footage), the car came in contact with another before sliding off the track and turning turtle. The remaining races were called off.

Even the organisers confirmed that the incident occurred when Kumar's car came in contact with that of a competitor during the saloon cars race this morning. The late driver had decades of experience in saloon cars. According to rules, the car needs to fulfil safety norms like having a roll cage and strong belts. This could be the first time that a racer, competing in a national level meet, has succumbed to injury in Chennai.

The statement said that the race was immediately stopped (red flag) and he was extricated from the wreckage and transferred into an ambulance. Vicky Chandhok, the chairman of the event, said in the statement, "It is the most unfortunate incident. Kumar was an experienced racer. The MMSC and entire racing fraternity mourn his passing away and convey heartfelt condolences to his family." He added that FMSCI and the organisers MMSC have launched an investigation.

EXPRESS READ

Vehicle runs over leopard near Chamundi hills

Mysuru: A six-year-old male leopard was fatally run over by a vehicle on the ring road near Uttanahalli, just a kilometre away from the Chamundi foothills. A video of the leopard struggling after being hit by the vehicle has gone viral on social media. Forest officials have noted the incident and are trying to trace the vehicle. Many of those working in industries from Hosahundi, Uttanahalli and Lalithadripura have been complaining about sightings of leopards at night, especially in the vicinity of the ring road. **ENS**

TN man held with 400 electronic detonators

Chittoor: The Gudupalli police on Sunday arrested one person and seized 400 electronic detonators, 600 gelatin sticks and two rolls of detonator fuse wire (600 metres) valued at Rs.26,800 from his possession. The arrested was identified as M Abdul Latif (39), belonging to Krishnagiri taluk of Tamil Nadu. The police booked the accused under Explosive Substance Act 1908 and sent him to remand after producing before the magistrate. **ENS**

Journalist Sathyanarayana passes away at 82

Bengaluru: Senior journalist K Sathyanarayana, popularly known as Sathya, passed away at his residence in Bengaluru on Sunday. He was 82 years old and is survived by his wife Venkamma and daughter Apoorva. His last rites were conducted with state honours. Sathya started his journalism career with Thayinaadu newspaper, and later worked with the daily Kannada Prabha for over three decades. Many leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, mourned his death. **ENS**

Girl died of cardiac arrest, not food poisoning: Report

KASARAGOD: The preliminary autopsy report of 19-year-old Anjushree Parvathi ruled out food poisoning as the cause of death and said cardiac arrest due to infection killed her. Anjushree of Kasaragod died in a private hospital in Mangaluru on Saturday nearly a week after she was admitted with symptoms of food poisoning.

The report filed by the food safety department on Saturday had also not mentioned food poisoning as the reason for the death. It said around 120 people had bought biriyani from the same hotel – which has since been closed – on the same day, but none reported symptoms of food poisoning. **ENS**

Culinary expert quits after row over veg food

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

PAINED by the "unwanted" controversy over the veg-only menu of the Kerala School Arts Festival, Pazhayidom Mohanan Namboothiri, who served food at the fest for the past 16 years, decided to call it quits on Sunday.

"Supervising a massive kitchen for events like the kalolsavam (arts fest) is no longer my favourite activity. I am tired. I won't be able to cook for the fest anymore," the culinary expert told reporters before leaving Kozhikode where the fest was held. More than 40,000 people were served food three times a day during the state-level event that concluded on Saturday. Though satisfied at having done his duty without flaws, Pazhayidom said he was returning home with a heavy heart.

"Even in the matter of serving food, the unwanted poison of communal hatred was mixed. These unwanted controversies have made me scared of cooking for such a massive event," he said, adding, "Use of words like 'brahmanical hegemony', which I have never heard or experienced in my life, is all what the kalolsavam has offered me this time."

The serving of only vegetarian food at the fest had kicked up a debate on whether non-vegetarian dishes should be added to the menu. Responding to demands of expanding the menu, General Education Minister V Sivankutty announced last week announced non-vegetarian dishes will be included in the menu of the next fest.

However, Pazhayidom said he never insisted on serving vegetarian dishes. "It is the government's decision. I am just a tool. So, targeting me in the row scares me," he said.

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-21) MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 25641/2022

BETWEEN:
Mr. Aslam Ahmed Sardar ...Plaintiff
AND: **Mrs. Hameeda Begum & others** ...Defendants

Defendants - D8 to D10 :-

D.8 M/s. HARMAIN CONSTRUCTIONS, A Partnership firm having its office at No.3, Chik Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Bengaluru - 560 051.

Also at: No.35/1, 2 Spenser Road, Next to Medi Life Health Care Centre, Pulkeshi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 005.

Represented by its Managing Partner, Haseeb Khan S/o H. Mehboob Khan, Aged about 33 years.

D.9 MR. HASEEB KHAN S/o H. Mehboob Khan, Aged about 33 years, Managing Partner of M/s. Harmain Constructions, R/at: No.43/3, PH-001, 'Harmain Regalia', Davis Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru - 560 084.

D.10 MRS. ISRA TARANNUR, W/o Mr. Haseef Khan, Aged about 33 years R/at: No.43/3, PH-001, 'Harmain Regalia', Davis Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru - 560 084.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS - D8 to D10

WHEREAS, the above-named plaintiff has filed the above suit for specific performance and other consequential reliefs against the defendants in respect of the suit schedule properties. That, yourselves have been arrayed as defendants D8 to D10 respectively in the said suit.

Yourselves are hereby notified to appear in person or through a Pleader **on 20.02.2023 at about 11 a.m.** at the Court of IV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21), Mayo Hall at Bengaluru to answer all the material questions relating to the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in the absence of yourselves.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Corporation No.76 (old No.2D) situated at Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, I Street, 32nd Division, presently 46th Division, Civil Station, Bengaluru, measuring on the East: 43 feet & 6 inches or thereabouts, on the West: 45 feet or thereabouts, on the North: 102 Feet 6 inches & on the South: 102 Feet 6 inches, totally measuring 4,545.18 Square Feet, now falling within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike having PID No.92-32-76 & bounded as follows: -

East by : Premises No. 11, Benson Road, **West by :** Benson Cross Road, First Street, **North by :** Premises No.75, Benson Cross First Street, **South by :** Premises No.76, Benson Cross Road, First Street.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

Flat bearing No.TF-001, 'HARMAIN HYDER', entire third floor (Combined with Part B of Owners Share), (3rd Floor) total measuring (Part A 2,368 Sq.Ft. + Part B 1,220 sq.ft.,) 3,588 sq.ft., of super built up area to be constructed over the Schedule 'A' Property, comprising or 4 Bed Rooms with attach bathrooms, dining hall, hall, kitchen with utility, with common staircase, lift and individual electric meters, one closed car parking with the basement/parking area and undivided share (UDS) of 546 sq.ft. The apartment has a bore well, BWSSB meter connection with sump and overhead tanks.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 07.01.2023 at Bengaluru.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
Prakash T. Hebbar, Advocate
No. SF-17, 2nd Floor, HHMS Building, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002.

IN THE COURT THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

Misc. Pet No. 1555 / 2022 (CCH-1)

Between : Mr. M. Abdul Kareem, S/o. late S.M. Muneer, 33 years, No. 86, Old No. 14, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 25. ...Petitioners
AND : M/s. Nagesh Kasturi Rangaiah, Benefit Trust, Rep. by Managing Director. ...Defendants

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT No.1

M/s. Nagesh Kasturi Rangaiah, Benefit Trust Rep. by Managing Director, No.101, Sreesannidhi, Railway Parllel Road, K.P. West, Bengaluru - 560 020.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has filed the above case against the Respondent for allow the above petitioner for clubbing the O.S. No. 6526/2022 pending on the file of Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-43) Bengaluru and to the pending case Ex. Petition 15061/2006 on the file of City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-73) Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru, and the above case is posted for your appearance **on 17.01.2023 at 11.00 am,** you are hereby directed to appear before The Prl. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-1) at Bengaluru on the above said date either in person or through pleader. If you fails to appear in the above said date and time, the matter will be called and proceed to pass appropriate orders in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 07.01.2023.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Mr. Hussain Moin Farooq, Advocate
The Legal Attorneys & Barristers
No.7, 2nd Floor, Thelanki Villa, Walton Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2022-23/15696 Date: 06.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites 5 no's of Civil Engineering Works in Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi on Total Turnkey Basis.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notifications regarding subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/**on from **09.01.2023.** any other details can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, Electy, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi-585106 during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.),
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi-585106.

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Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98,Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015,(Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- #CTS No.163/5D, "Kalaburrgi Land Mark Building", 1st Floor, Next To Kalyanpurkar Nursing Home, Deshpande Nagar, Hubballi-580029** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1.Mr. Bhogappa Nayak 2.Sri Chiranjeevi Agency 3.Mrs.Vijayalakshmi (Prospect No IL10173569)	26-May-2022 Rs. 37,81,042/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty One Thousand Forty Two Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing D-202, Floor No. 2, admeasuring 58.66 sq. mtrs. of carpet area and 90.57 sq. mtrs of super builtup area and proportionate 28.19 sq. mtr of undivided share with one covered parking space, Wing D Block 1, Sipani Royale Heritage Phase-I, Syno.78/2, 78/3 of Iggaluru Village Attibele Hobli sy nos. 308, 309/2, 311/1 Siteno.7 Of Marasur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal taluk, Bangalore urban dist, Banglore, Karnataka	27-Aug-2022 Total Outstanding As On Date 04-Jan-2023 Rs. 37,01,278/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	Rs. 26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,60,000/- (RupeesTwo Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	23-Jan -2023 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 25-Jan -2023 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 27-Jan -2023 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment:- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of **"IIFL Home Finance Limited"** payable at Gurugram or through RTGS/NEFT The accounts details are as follows: : **a) Name of the Account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:- 9902879 followed by Loan Number, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL0036001 e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.bankeauctions.com, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://bankeauctions.com** and **https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
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7. **Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.**
8. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles,which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possessionwithin 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances
9. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
10. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:-Bangalore , Date: 09-Jan-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited**

EDITORIAL

Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations

Henry David Thoreau

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— Ramnath Goenka

APPALLING INSENSITIVITY IN DEALING WITH FLIER'S BAD BEHAVIOUR

The gross insensitivity of an Air India crew in dealing with an incident of an inebriated passenger flashing and peeing on a co-flier onboard its New York-Delhi flight a few weeks ago is appalling. It is a blot on the reputation of the Tata group that got to own the airline amid great fanfare last year. That the matter was underplayed despite the 70-year-old victim writing about her ordeal to the Tata Group chairman a day after the episode is even more worrying. There can be no place for mutual settlement in such instances. The only proper thing to do would have been to report it upon landing and make the offender, Shankar Mishra, face the full force of the law. Yet, the crew allowed him to force compensation on her despite the victim's refusal even to see him, and they let Mishra walk free upon landing in Delhi. It completely violated the standard operating protocol (SOP), drawing a sharp rebuke from the Indian aviation regulator, DGCA. For reasons only a thorough investigation can unravel, Mishra appeared more important to the crew than the victim. He was vice president of the Indian operations of a multinational firm, Wells Fargo. But the company sacked him when it could not deodorise the stench of his atrocious behaviour. Reports of similar incidents happening in the past before the airline was privatised could indicate the crew's reaction is a legacy issue. That, again, is a subject of probe.

The crew apparently showed bad judgement on how much alcohol could be served to the individual on the flight. They compounded their folly by not giving the victim proper alternative accommodation and later goading her back to her seat that reeked of urine. And the pilot refused to upgrade her from business class to first class even though it had vacant seats.

As for Mishra, he has been arrested from his hideout in Bengaluru. A Delhi court before which he was produced advised the police to go by the law and not by public pressure when they sought his police remand. Over a month after the despicable episode, national outrage forced the airline to de-roster the cabin crew and a pilot of that flight. And Tata Group's chairman admitted they fell short of addressing the situation the way they should have, adding their response should have been much swifter. Now that the airline is reviewing its SOPs, here's hoping it handles victims with compassion and empathy in future.

HIGH NOMINAL GDP RATE IS MORE OF GOOD OPTICS

The first advance estimate for the real GDP growth at 7% in FY23 may not have surprised many. The nominal GDP number of ₹273 lakh crore surely came as a pleasant surprise to the government. The nominal GDP, calculated at the current market price (instead of the base year price), indicates the economy's size. The government had estimated ₹258 lakh crore nominal GDP earlier in FY23. But the number could end up on the higher side, thanks to higher inflation. (The nominal GDP is slated to grow at 15.4%). It serves two purposes: making the government's finances look better as ratios like fiscal deficit and current account deficit are calculated as a percentage of the nominal GDP and help get closer to a $5 trillion economy.

The budgeted fiscal deficit target is ₹16.61 lakh crore. If the government manages to stick to it, the fiscal deficit in GDP percentage terms will be 6% instead of the official target of 6.4%. That's because the base has now changed from ₹258 lakh crore to ₹273 lakh crore. It allows the government to increase the fiscal deficit by ₹86,000 in the current financial year without breaching the 6.4% target. Another advantage of a higher nominal GDP is better tax collection. With the government's gross tax kitty likely to overshoot the budget target by ₹1.5–2 lakh crore, it may not have to worry too much about less than targeted non-tax revenues and disinvestment proceeds.

We are also closer to the government's much-sought-after target of a $5 trillion economy. At an average US Dollar to INR rate of 80, our economy would be closer to the $3.5 trillion mark by the end of FY23. But then, these are only the first advance estimates. The second is due by February-end.

Besides, the National Statistics Office (NSO) will release the revised estimate of annual national accounts for the last three years by the end of this month. So, the numbers may look different in a month or two. Also, it is highly unlikely that the economy could sustain the high nominal GDP growth rate (15.4% in FY23) next financial year. Some analysts are already estimating the nominal GDP to grow at a single digit on the expectation of lower inflation next year (RBI expects retail inflation in FY24 to be around 4%). Therefore, while the government can celebrate for now, it should not get ahead of itself.

QUICK TAKE

HILL AND SEA DANGERS

Construction work stops in Uttarakhand's Joshimath region following fissures and cracked buildings owing to land subsidence. The question is, should it ever resume? The less-cohesive rocks here can't sustain unplanned projects. Yet, developmental works go on, unmindful of the looming backlash. It's not just the hills. Exploiting underground water could cause land subsidence in Kolkata-Howrah, Delhi-Gurgaon and parts of Ahmedabad. Sea erosion due to sand mining, harbours and groynes threaten coastal towns and cities, even Mumbai. Internationally, Jakarta, Bangkok, Venice, Lagos and Mexico City face sinking futures. Fighting subsidence and erosion must become global SDGs to stave off these dangers.

The developments will revolutionise and internationalise higher education in the country like never before

FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS: A WELCOME POSSIBILITY IN INDIA

MAKARAND R PARANJAPE

Professor of English at JNU

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

SOURAV ROY

On January 5, the University Grants Commission (UGC) uploaded an important draft regulation on the 'Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India'. Feedback, till this month's end, has been invited before the gazette notification is issued after incorporating constructive suggestions and improvements.

Briefing the press, UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar announced that in keeping with the National Educational Policy 2020, the next step in the internationalisation of Indian higher education would be granting permission to foreign universities to set up campuses in India. As mentioned in NEP 2020, "A legislative framework facilitating such entry will be put in place, and such universities will be given special dispensation regarding regulatory, governance, and content norms on par with other autonomous institutions of India" (12.8).

Initially, permission would be granted for ten years, with renewal being subject to the fulfilment of requisite conditions. The foreign universities would have the freedom to devise their own curricula and admission process. Only live, full-time classes in physical mode would be permitted, thus ruling out online or distance education. Cross-border movement of funds would be in accordance with the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). As per the draft, fees are to be "reasonable and transparent", the presumption being that education is a not-for-profit activity.

Two types of foreign universities would be allowed to set up Indian campuses. Top 500 universities fall into the first category. But those who have a high ranking in particular subjects or specialisations or are highly regarded in their respective fields in their "home jurisdiction" would also be eligible. On the basis of the approval of a "Letter of Intent", the foreign institution would be expected to start setting up their Indian campus and building infrastructure within a period of two years.

Furthermore, foreign faculty appointed to teach in the Indian campus would be expected to live in India, not just come in from time to time from abroad. Kumar added that foreign varsities will also have to ensure the quality of education imparted at their Indian campuses is on par with their main campus. There would also be safeguards in place to protect enrolled students in case of unforeseen disruption, discontinuation, or closure of the Indian campus. The draft regulations, which include the requirement of the submission of an Annual Report and maintenance of annual accounts, also empower UGC not only to permit, but also to inspect, regulate, interpret, and terminate FHEIs.

The UGC's latest move follows its notification of May 2, 2022 on academic collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions. Under that notification, three possibilities are offered for collaboration between Indian and foreign universities. First, the "Twinning Programme", which enables an Indian institution to partner with universities abroad. The second possibility is the "Joint Degree Programme". Here, both the Indian and the foreign university will jointly develop curricula, but award one degree upon the completion of the course. The third possibility, the "Dual Degree Programme", is to be jointly designed and offered by both institutions, with two separate degrees being offered on the completion of the requirements of both programmes. In a recent development, our world-recognised Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), will also be starting operations overseas under the new brand name "India International Institute of Technology".

All these developments will revolutionise and internationalise Indian higher education like never before. They must therefore be welcomed. When it comes to foreign universities setting up Indian campuses, which is probably the most game-changing of these moves, UGC will have to upgrade its regulatory apparatus considerably. Several leading foreign universities already have India offices. For speedy and responsible clearance of "Letters of Intent", however, the present sluggish and quasi-governmental bureaucratic set up of UGC may not prove equal to the task.

Most of its officials have little experience when it comes to foreign educational institutions, let alone studying abroad. A similar difficulty may present itself when it comes to the yearly review, campus visits, and other forms of monitoring and intervention. Political interference in the name of ideological conformity to ruling party doctrines or, contrarily, the real dangers of interference and influence from abroad cannot be underestimated either.

Foreign universities in India, moreover, will pose a huge challenge to Indian public and private universities. The former, especially in humanities and social studies, may continue to attract good students, especially from disadvantaged sections. Foreign universities will presumably not have reservations. Those seeking quota benefits, therefore, will be confined to state-funded universities.

But this also means that those who can afford it will clearly prefer foreign universities over their Indian counterparts, even the private ones already established in India whose fees are very high already. The latter are often owned by powerful business houses or politicians. It will not be surprising if they try to curb or contain the foreign institutions from getting a level playing field in India. Protectionism of domestic industry is a powerful factor to contend with for any administration, whether in business and industry or in the currently liberalising private sector in higher education.

Those who are lobbying against English are, once again, about to be upstaged. Foreign universities, like the best of private universities, will opt not only for English as their medium of education but also global standards of curricula, pedagogy, and research. Forces opposing them, be they brokers of backwardness or identity mongers, are likely to try to impose their own agendas, whether driven by religious, linguistic, caste, or regional considerations.

But the present regime has grabbed the bull by its horns. If the Indian higher education sector truly opens up, it will be one step forward in India's aspiration to become a knowledge society again, if not actually a *vishwa*-guru.

Not protectionism and shuttering our intellectual borders, but competition and collaboration with the best will help usher in a true Indian renaissance.

(Views are personal)
(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

FORBIDDEN TO LOVE BUT DETERMINED TO DO SO

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

All Hindus have the right to freely enter a temple. But Nandanar, a Dalit saint in 8th century Tamil Nadu, was not allowed this basic right until extraordinary events enabled it. Though India is home to the *Vedas* and the *Upanishads*, caste was and is a cancer in society. Nandanar's fervent love for Lord Shiva was thus chastised by both the priests and by members of his own community as inappropriate. But what about an individual's right to lay his heart where he chooses? As the 17th century French mathematician Blaise Pascal said about faith, "The heart has its reasons which reason does not know."

Nandanar is the eighteenth of the 63 Nayanars or saints of the Tamil Shaiva canon. His statue is present with theirs in all major Shaiva temples in Tamil Nadu. He is revered by people of all castes, and his image is taken out with honour in temple processions. His journey from being the outsider to becoming iconic is a beloved tale told and retold even today.

Sources say that Nandanar was mentioned in the 8th century by the Shaiva saint Sundarar, and in an 11th century verse by scholar Nambiyandar Nambi. He has a chapter in the 12th century *Periya Puranam* by the Chola minister Sekkizhar, which is a hagiography of the 63 Nayanars.

In the 19th century, poet Gopalakrishna Bharati wrote *Nandanar Charitram*, a full-fledged religious biography. Based on his work, a powerful operatic Tamil film called *Nandanar* rocked the Tamil world in 1942 with the famous singer M M Dandapani Desigar playing the saint. A colourised version of the film was uploaded on YouTube as recently as January 2022.

To understand Nandanar's stubborn love for Shiva, we must recall the importance of temples in the everyday life and geography of South India. There may be many things to love or look up to today but back in the 8th century in Nandanar's rural world, it was the tall, magnificent temple *gopuram* that dominated the landscape, visible for miles around.

Nandanar belonged to Adanur, a village in the Chola country. He was an agricultural labourer on the farm of a rich landlord. His heart burned to be part of something bigger and grander than ordinary life with its mundane realities, its hardship and lack of hope. And who, in his world, was a bigger, grander and more liberating figure than Lord Shiva, whose fascinating lore abounded in the land? No one can fault Nandanar for his love. He spoke of it to everyone for his heart could not contain his feelings. But the villagers protested that Shiva was not for them.

Nandanar tried to persuade them that it was otherwise.

File picture

> The huge statue suddenly moved aside, in which position it still stands. They were overjoyed to see the Shivling in the sanctum

"Shiva is the father of us all," he said earnestly. "Our god is fond of teasing us. He is happy with so little and is very slow to anger. But if someone crosses a line, his fury can erupt as fire from his third eye. Yet everyone loves him for he is so reachable. Was there ever such a god?"

"How do we find him though?" asked a villager.

"Chant his name and wear his sacred ash on your forehead. Come, let us go to his temple at Tirupunkur."

Carried away by his fervour, a group of villagers left with him. It took them a day of steady walking to get to Tirupunkur. But they could not enter the temple and when they looked in from outside, they found their vision of the sanctum blocked. A gigantic stone Nandi stood in the way. The legend goes that Nandanar lifted his voice to sing an appeal to Lord Shiva about their plight. The huge statue suddenly moved aside, in which position it still stands. They were overjoyed to see the Shivling in the sanctum, lit by the glory of oil lamps.

A new wish was born in Nandanar's heart. He longed to go on pilgrimage to holy Chidamabaram. This ancient temple was where the Chola kings paid personal obeisance. It was the only temple to Shiva as Nataraja, the Lord of Dance. Chidambaram was also called 'Thillai' after the marshy thillai or mangrove trees that grew thickly around it.

It became Nandanar's most ardent wish to see Chidambaram for himself. He daringly ventured to ask the landlord for permission but was laughed at and sent away.

But the longing did not leave Nandanar. He stuck to his resolve and told everyone that he would go to Chidambaram "tomorrow", which earned him the name 'Naalai povar' or 'One who will go tomorrow'. This repeated avowal first amused and then irritated people, including the landlord.

Finally, to make Nandanar stop, the landlord said that if Nandanar could harvest all the fields overnight, he could go.

This was an impossible task and Nandanar broke into tears. "Only you can help me now, Lord," he prayed. The legend says that neat sheaves lay heaped in rows next morning. The landlord was dumbfounded at this miracle. He begged Nandanar's pardon and sent him on his way. Nandanar sang all the way to Chidambaram. But having got there, he was told by the priests that he could enter the temple if he passed a trial by fire. We have no means of knowing if this really happened or whether it was a story made up to admit Nandanar into the fold through a tale of so-called 'purification' like Sita's ordeal. Did he commit the impossible—which was to enter a blazing firepit—or did he walk across coals, as people do even now on religious occasions, and emerge unscathed? He obviously did something for the story goes that the entire priestly community of Chidambaram was abashed and escorted him with honour to the sanctum.

We do not know what became of Nandanar after that for the story ends here. But the central point passed down the centuries to us is that here was a valiant, saintly person who was forbidden to love but did so nevertheless, and was splendidly proven right.

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Truths of *yatra*

In *Ram, Rupee and Rahul unite for Bharat Yatra* (Jan 8), Prabhu Chawla has pointed out glaring truths. Except for Aaditya Thackeray and Stalin, leaders in opposition parties did not show interest towards the *yatra*. But the columnist has left out how the entire *yatra* is a mere roadshow and a blatant publicity stunt for Rahul. There is no guarantee that the crowds will turn into votes.
B S Jayaraman, Coimbatore

Yatra a boost for RaGa

Apropos of *Ram, Rupee and Rahul unite for Bharat Yatra* (Jan 8) It is evident that the *yatra* is a shot in the arm for Rahul who has utilised the march to shed his image of a complacent politician. Whether it will catapult him and his party onto the centrestage vis-à-vis opposition party alliances still remains debatable, but the mammoth rallies witnessed during the BJY will increase the Congress' bargaining power when the opposition parties cobble together an alliance to take on the Modi juggernaut.
C V Aravind, email

Food poisoning

Apropos of *Food poisoning claims 1 more life in state* (Jan 8). The most important element for our health and existence is food. I denounce the owner and two cooks for poisoning Anjushree and taking her life. She had a promising future.
Sagili Pradeep Kumar, Kadapa

True inspiration

Apropos of *Living life on one's own terms* (Jan 8). All differently abled persons can gain inspiration and motivation from Anu Thankachan's life. She stood up for herself and managed to accomplish her objective despite being paralysed.
Aamose A, email

Punishment for pee-man

Apropos of *Pee-man remanded in 14-day judicial custody* (Jan 8). The Air India crew ought to have reported the incident on landing and let the law take its own course against the man who peed over the co-passenger. This incident is unfortunate.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Wild menace

Apropos of *Panic in Sulthan Bathery after wild jumbo enters town* (Jan 7). The forest department's role is significant here. The captured animals released into the forest re-enter areas inhabited by humans in no time. It is imperative that such animals be permanently relocated to provide relief to people who are coping with such a menace.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jyotiraditya Scindia @Officejmscindia
There were only 74 airports in the country till 2014, today this number including heliports and water aerodromes has increased to 148

Amit Shah @AmitShah
Congress has done corruption and appeasement on a large scale in Chhattisgarh during the rule of 4 years, due to which the law and order here has completely collapsed.

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Pakistan is tottering. Bakistan may break into four! Quarteristans!! India must go for it instead of waffling.

'Tharoor has PM potential, but Cong won't accept'

Influential Nair group praises T'puram MP

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

THE Congress politics in Kerala has once again started revolving around **Shashi Tharoor** after the Nair Service Society, the lead organisation of the influential Nair community in the state, endorsed the Thiruvananthapuram MP's potential to occupy the highest office in the country.

"Tharoor is capable of even becoming the prime minister of the country," NSS General Secretary **G Sukumaran Nair** told this newspaper in an interview as part of the Express Dialogues series. However, Nair was sceptical about the prospects of such a development as he believes other Congress leaders would scuttle any such move. "His (Tharoor's party) colleagues will not let it happen," he said.

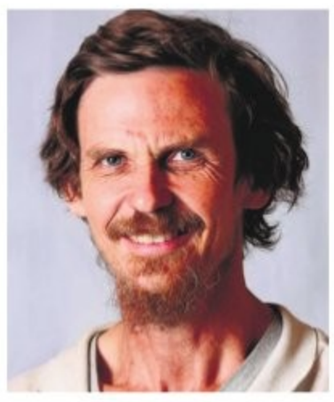
The NSS general secretary, who had once dubbed Tharoor as "Delhi Nair", made amends for his earlier jibe by lavishly praising the Congress leader. "Tharoor is a tharavadi (aristocrat) Nair. He is a global citizen. We hoped to get a glimpse of his vast knowledge and brilliance. Moreover, he is someone who blurs political boundaries," he said.

Nair's description of Tharoor as "aristocrat Nair" has sparked a debate whether the NSS chief still thinks only people belonging to the nobility are eligible to run the government. Trolls on the subject are doing rounds on social media, and the issue figures prominently in channel discussions.

Nair's accolades for Tharoor came a couple of days after the NSS invited the senior Congress leader to inaugurate the prestigious Mannam Jayanthi celebrations. Tharoor was only the third political leader to be bestowed the honour in its long history. Tharoor, who contested against the Gandhi family-backed Mallikarjun Kharge in the Congress presidential election and bagged 11.42% of the votes, is passing through a critical phase in his political career.

Dropping PM food grain plan to hit poor: Dreze

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi



THE discontinuation of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) without providing any alternative relief measures will make the lives of the poor much harder, says eminent economist Jean Dreze.

In an exclusive interview with this newspaper, Dreze said that PMGKAY, under which free rations were provided to the poor as a relief measure during the Covid-19 pandemic, has been of great help to poor households in the last two years. The PMGKAY, which was started in April 2020, provided poor families with 5 kg of food grains each month. The Union government discontinued the PMGKAY programme recently saying the economic situation has improved since Covid-19 cases have come down and restrictions have eased.

"The enhanced foodgrain rations of 10 kg per person per month (5 kg under the National Food Security Act, and 5 kg under PMGKAY) covered the bulk of the foodgrain requirements of the poor households. This reassured them that there would always be food at home and enabled them to spend their meagre earnings on other items," said Dreze, a faculty at Delhi School of Economics and a visiting faculty at Ranchi University.

To counterbalance the termination of PMGKAY, the government has announced a free ration to 81.35 crore people under the National Food Security Act for one year. However, Dreze said that the government's decision to roll out free rations for a year from January 1 is a token gesture aimed at sweetening the pill. He points out that until now, the NFSA cardholders were entitled to 5 kg of foodgrain per person per month at Rs 2 per kg for wheat and ₹3 per kg for rice. "This year, they will get the same amount for free. This will save them Rs 15 per person per month at most. That is just a tiny fraction of what they are losing from the discontinuation of PMGKAY. Unfortunately, the Modi government managed to create the impression that free rations would compensate for the end of PMGKAY," he said.

Though, the Belgian-born economist agrees with the argument that a prolonged extension of PMGKAY would have led to an unsustainable depletion of food grain stocks. He says that abrupt and complete termination of the programme without setting up alternative relief measures is unjustifiable.

While experts say that the cessation of PMGKAY will save the government nearly Rs 1.8 lakh crore annually, Dreze emphasized that the government should utilize the savings to revamp social security measures such as child nutrition schemes, social security pensions and maternity benefits, which have been neglected in recent years.

"They could also be used to expand the coverage of the public distribution system, from which 100 million people are unfairly excluded today because of the continued use of outdated population figures to set NFSA foodgrain allocations. All this and more could be done well within the PMGKAY savings," he said.

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>
> Jean Dreze, Independent economist

EXTENSION

Home Ministry gets another term to frame rules for CAA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been given an extension for the seventh time to frame rules for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019

Reportedly, the concession to the MHA has been granted by the Rajya Sabha for the next six months and is still waiting to get approval from the Lok Sabha.

MHA has apparently said that they have approached the Parliamentary committees, seeking more time.

The Parliament passed the Citizenship Amendment Bill on December 11, 2019, and it was notified the next day by the Home Ministry after getting the President's assent. The CAA seeks to grant Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who entered India on or before December 31, 2014. However, the law is yet to be implemented as rules under the CAA are yet to be framed.

Before this, the ministry had sought extensions from the Parliamentary Committees six times, with the first extension being granted in June 2020.

Earlier, the Parliamentary committees on subordinate legislation in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha granted the extension to the Home Ministry until December 31, 2022, and January 9, 2023, respectively.

The manual on Parliamentary Work states that in case the ministries or departments are not able to frame the rules within the prescribed period of six months after the President signs off on a law, "they should seek extension of time from the Committee on Subordinate Legislation stating reasons for such extension", which cannot be more than a period of three months at a time.

Covid brought India, diaspora closer, says EAM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Indore

Union Ministers S. Jaishankar and Anurag Thakur with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Indore on Sunday | PTI

ON day one of the three-days 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in country's cleanest city Indore, the Narendra Modi government engaged with the young Indian Diaspora spread across the globe through the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (YPBD). Addressing the inaugural session of YPBD, the minister of external affairs S Jaishankar maintained on Sunday that ties with the 34 million Indian Diaspora became even more stronger as a result of the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We recognise the tremendous response from the people of Indian Origin and Non Resident Indian community during the most difficult moments of our own COVID-19 experience. As we meet today, I can truly say that our bonds have become even more strong as a result of all trials and tribulations that we underwent through during the COVID-19 pandemic," he maintained.

While detailing about the growth saga in the eight years of the Modi government, Jaishankar said "those of you who are coming to India after a gap, must have surely noticed the changes that have happened here during the last eight years, particularly during the last three years. Notable among them is the extraordinary state of digital delivery that has made possible access to social benefits without leakage. Equally evident is the health infrastructure and indeed the greater awareness to expectations on that score. Enormous infrastructure activity too has been visible to all."

While narrating the strides made on external affairs front, the minister said, "The biggest difference, however, is the higher standing of India and stronger relations that we've established with virtually every nation that hosts our community. This is reflected in your standing in these societies."

He added, "The identity of Diaspora is very much derived from how closely it is connected to its roots. Here too our efforts have been to encourage easier exposure to Indian culture and traditions abroad. Most of our embassies now offer Yoga, dance and music classes. We've asked them to also support and facilitate community functions and collective activities. Also, it's a matter of pride for us that centres of faith are growing abroad, I think the one in Abu Dhabi has drawn particular attention."

While underscoring that Indian origin youth residing abroad have more opportunities to stay connected with their roots than before, Jaishankar said, it's also expected that country's New Education Policy (NEP) will create more pathways for the deeper involvement of the Indian Diaspora.

Zeroing upon the enormous potential for the young Indian Diaspora in the Azadi ka Amrit Kaal (the period leading up to a century of India's independence), he said "PM Modi has asked us in the country to focus on the Amrit Kaal, its important that the Indian community abroad also does the same. They would be justified in asking themselves how can they make a difference to India's future. In the past the answers may have been more in the realms of resources and opportunities. But today, it's in the era of knowledge economy, it's much more in the world of technology of ideas and innovations."

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> S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs

'Pranab was cerebral energy behind Cong'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

CALLING late former President Pranab Mukherjee as the intellectual repository of Congress party, former MP & diplomat Pavan K Varma on Sunday said that Mukherjee provided cerebral energy behind the decisions Congress party took.

"His dream was to be member of the Congress Working Committee. He became member of the CWC and remained dedicated to the party. He was dedicated to the values of the Congress," Varma said.

Praising former President for his remarkable mastery of the brief and his ability to absorb detail and his sense of what has priority, Varma also said that, "He had the ability to focus on what was required. To my mind there is no other political figure who was witness to a chronic era."

He was speaking at the panel discussion on the contribution of Shri Pranab Mukherjee in nation building organised by Pranab Mukherjee Legacy Foundation. The Foundation was set up by his daughter Shri Sharmistha Mukherjee to carry out former President's legacy on his first death anniversary in 2021.

Esteemed speakers such as Shri Pavan K Varma (Former MP), Shri Shekhar Dutt (Former Governor, Chattisgarh). Shri NK Singh (Chairman, 15th Finance Commission) and Shri Sitaram Yechury, Member Poltiburo, CPI(M) were also present at the event. Late former 13th President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee also held key posts in the Indian government.

New hope for India-Myanmar transit project

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

HOPE of the completion of the last 109 km of Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport (KMMTT) project has been rekindled after IRCON was recently appointed at the Project Management Consultant (PMC). This ambitious project would link India and Myanmar via the Bay of Bengal.

The project was first proposed by the ministry of external affairs (MEA) in 2008 and work began in 2010 — with an initial deadline of 2014. Its been over two decades and a six times cost escalation (₹535 crore to ₹3,200 crore), and the project is yet not complete.

The military-led Junta government and its skirmishes with insurgents has oft been cited as the main reasons for delay of the completion of the last leg of this project.

India has abstained from being critical of the junta, even when political prisoners were executed in Myanmar.

Ladakh parties demand quota and statehood, say no to MHA meeting

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) and Leh Apex Body (LAB), an amalgam of political, religious and trade groups of Kargil and Leh districts of Ladakh, have ruled out participation in meetings of 17-member committee headed by MoS Home Nityanand Rai formed by Ministry of Home Affairs last week, if statehood and constitutional safeguards under 6th Schedule to Ladakh UT are not included in agenda of the panel.

KDA co-chairman Asgar Ali Karbalai told this newspaper that a joint meeting of KDA and LAB was held on Saturday to discuss participation in the meeting.

"Both the bodies decided against participation in the meetings of the panel. We will only participate in meetings if four points are included in panel's agenda, including statehood for Ladakh, constitutional safeguard under 6th Schedule to protect interests of tribal people of Ladakh, reservation in jobs for local youth, and creation of two separate parliamentary constituencies for Leh and Kargil districts," he said.

Karbalai said both KDA and LAB have objected to the members of the panel as the government has arbitrarily excluded and included members without consultation with the two bodies.

Both KDA and LAB, he said, have suggested names of 15 people for their inclusion in the panel.

The four issues raised by KDA and LAB were missing from the agenda of the high-powered committee.

According to the MHA, the 17-member panel was set up to discuss measures to protect region's unique culture and language, and ensure protection of land and employment for people of Ladakh besides discussing measures for inclusive development and employment generation in the region empowerment of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHC) Leh and Kargil.

Both LAB and KDA have threatened to intensify their agitation to press the central government to fulfil their demands.

The leaders of two bodies would be holding a protest rally in Jammu on January 15. They would also be holding a sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi in the third week of February.

Parties seek safeguards within Constitution

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POWER GAMES

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Mission South

BJP DEPUTES SANTOSH TO SORT OUT TN MESS

The BJP's troubles are refusing to end in Tamil Nadu. Despite facing pressure from states where assembly elections are due in 2023, the BJP leadership has been spending time and energy on Tamil Nadu with an eye on 2024. The party leadership sees potential in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to compensate for possible losses in Maharashtra and Bihar, besides in some other states in next year's Lok Sabha elections. However, its repeated efforts have failed to turn the Tamil Nadu unit into a winning machine that could yield results such as those given by Tripura, West Bengal and Assam. Since 2014, BJP leadership has tried many permutations and combinations in Tamil Nadu. It first appointed Tamilisai Soundararajan as state unit chief. During the first Modi wave of 2014, Jayalalithaa swept Tamil Nadu, while the BJP's coalition with Vaiko and Vijaykanth managed to win only two seats. Jayalalithaa won the 2016 assembly elections too. This led the BJP to shift Tamilisai as Governor of Telangana. She was replaced by L Murugan. Meanwhile, Vaiko and Vijaykanth left the BJP alliance. The party drew a blank in Tamil Nadu in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Murugan was then moved to Modi's ministry as a Tamil Nadu representative. After this, the BJP brought in the 37-year-old former IPS officer of the 2011 batch, K Annamalai. However, two high-profile exits recently have shaken the party leadership's confidence in him too. First, it was DMK MP Tiruchi Siva's son who left the party, and then it was the actor-turned-politician Gayatri Raguramm who quit the party saying women were not safe in the BJP under the leadership of Annamalai. There has also been controversy over Annamalai's expensive watch and allegations against Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi. The party has, therefore, asked general secretary B L Santosh to engage with state leadership in order to strengthen the unit.

INS Vikrant

Make in India

NAVY AWAITS BUDGET FOR DECK-BASED FIGHTERS

The Ministry of Defence is likely to clear a budget of over Rs 14,000 crore for the development of four prototypes of the twin-engine deck-based fighters. The design for the naval fighter has been completed by Aeronautical Development Agency under the Department of Defence Research and Development, Government of India. This design will be used by the public sector Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd to produce the prototypes. The Navy has projected a requirement of about 60 aircraft. These naval fighters will be deployed on the recently-inducted INS Vikrant aircraft carrier. Sources said once the budget for the development of the prototypes is cleared, an order will be given to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd for the development of the prototypes. The single-engine naval LCA developed earlier was not found suitable as its thrust-to-weight ratio was not enough for takeoff with a full load from an aircraft carrier. With this push for Make in India by going in for indigenously developed fighter aircraft, the government is unlikely to place the order to purchase Rafael marine fighter aircraft anytime soon. Talks for purchasing these aircraft have been going on for some time.

Hopes Crashland

VISTARA BREAKS FREQUENT FLYERS' HEARTS IN 2023

The frequent flyers of Vistara were excited to get a message from the airline in the first week of the new year that their frequent flyer status was being upgraded. Those with silver club membership were upgraded to gold and gold club flyers to platinum. This meant more benefits to the loyal Vistara flyers. In a message received by a CEO of a top multinational company, Vistara said, "We are delighted to upgrade your membership to our exclusive Club Vistara Platinum Tier. Your Club Vistara Platinum membership opens a host of special privileges and benefits that enable you to do more of #WhatYouLove." But the excitement was short-lived. The airline soon dashed off another mail to its customers, saying the earlier mail was sent accidentally due to a technical glitch and there was no plan to upgrade the status of the frequent flyers. The buzz in the airline sector is that the offer may not have been withdrawn because of any technical glitch but due to differences within Vistara's top management over the issue.

ASPHYXIATION
Four members of a family died in their sleep in UP due to suffocation after they left a gas heater on inside their room overnight, police said. A milkman knocked on their door, but no one answered, they said.

5 INJURED AS BSF TRUCK HITS TAXI IN KOLKATA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	15	Mumbai	33	21
Bhopal	26	7	Panaji	31	20
Jaipur	25	10	Patna	39	10
Amritsar	18	7	Lucknow	20	9
Chennai	30	22	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	27	12	Imphal	26	7
Srinagar	10	0	Chandigarh	20	9

Rajputs dominate Sukhu team in Cabinet expansion

Pratibha's son inducted as CM does a delicate caste balancing act

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

HIMACHAL Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu expanded his ministerial team on Monday, four weeks after returning to power in the state, with the induction of seven ministers, including Vikramaditya Singh, the son of former CM Virbhadra Singh and state party chief Pratibha Singh.

Leaders belonging to the influential Rajput community from the upper part of the state, dominate the cabinet. Six chief parliamentary secretaries were also appointed in order to please the MLAs who could not get the cabinet berths.

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath to the newly inducted ministers in a simple ceremony at Raj Bhawan.

Of the seven ministers, three are from Shimla district: Vikramaditya Singh from Shimla (Rural), Rohit Thakur (Jubbal-Kotkhai) and Anirudh Singh from Kasumpti (Shimla district). The rest belong to Solan, Kinnaur, Sirmaur and Kangra. So, six ministers are from upper Himachal and only Chander Kumar is from Jawali in Kangra district which is lower Himachal.

The Congress won seven of the eight seats in Shimla district. In Kangra, it won 10 seats out of 15.

Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu with State Congress president Pratibha Singh during the oath-taking ceremony of new state cabinet ministers | PTI

The strength of the cabinet has risen to nine. Besides the post of deputy speaker, three berths are vacant as the maximum number of ministers, including the chief minister, cannot exceed 12 as per rules.

Sukhu and his deputy Mukesh Agnihotri were sworn in on December 11. The CM has tried to balance caste equations as Anirudh Singh, Rohit Thakur, Harshwardhan Chauhan and Vikramaditya Singh are from Rajputs community, taking the number of the community members in the cabinet to five, including the CM.

Jagat Singh Negi is from ST, Dhani Ram Shandil comes from SC and Chander Kumar is an OBC member while Deputy CM Mukesh is a Brahmin.

With simmering party factionalism and infighting, Sukhu has walked the tightrope. He had gone to Delhi in the midst of the winter session at Dharamsala and had returned on Saturday after deliberations with the top party leaders.

The Congress has 40 legislators in the 68-member Assembly and Sukhu has the direct backing of more than 24 MLAs. In a bid to please the MLAs who were unable to make it to the cabinet, the CM today appointed them as chief parliamentary secretaries.

VIRAL VIDEO

Akhilesh says no to tea from top cop, says it could be 'poisoned'

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

IT was a Sunday full of robust activity in the Samajwadi Party camp after SP chief Akhilesh Yadav created a buzz by refusing the tea offered to him by senior police officials at the Lucknow police headquarterss, saying he did not trust them and that they could lace the tea with poison.

In a video going viral over social media, Akhilesh is heard saying: "I will not drink the tea here. I will bring my own, but can take your cup. I can't drink the tea offered here. What if you poison me? I don't trust this. I am serious, I will get it from outside." He is also seen directing someone to get tea from outside.

The SP chief had visited police headquarters to seek release of Samajwadi Party social media in-charge and party leader Manish Jagan Agarwal in connection with multiple FIRs lodged against him at Hazratganj police station for using derogatory language against women in his twitter posts. As per Lucknow Police Commissioner SB Shriadkar, Agarwal handles the party's social media cell and in all four FIRs were registered—two in the names of accused and two against the Twitter handle—for using derogatory language.

JD-U leader sets off buzz over second Deputy CM in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PARLIAMENTARY board chairman of the ruling JD-U Upendra Kushwaha on Sunday indicated the appointment of one more deputy chief minister in Bihar's grand alliance government, saying CM Nitish Kumar would take the final call on it. In the previous NDA government, there were two deputy CMs, both from BJP. The saffron party had given the CM post to JD-U leader Nitish even as the latter's party was relegated to the third position in the last assembly elections. The BJP extracted the full price for it by not only securing two deputy CMs but also the post of Assembly speaker.

Current deputy CM Tejashwi Prasad Yadav belongs to the RJD. The party may accept Kushwaha as deputy chief minister given the fact that Nitish had already announced that Tejashwi would be the CM face in the 2025 assembly polls.

Implicit in Kushwaha's comment is his demand for the No. 2 post.

At the time of the formation of a new grand alliance government in the state, it was expected that Kushwhaha would be given the ministerial berth. When he did not find a place in the state cabinet, the buzz went around that he was sulking

over the short shrift allegedly being given to him by Nitish. There have been rumours of his joining the BJP.

"It is up to the CM to decide who should be a part of the government and who should be put outside it," Kushwha added. He, however, refuted the reports that he would join BJP. The controversy erupted after Kushwaha congratulated former deputy chief minister and BJP's Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi on the latter's birthday.

When found himself in the thick of controversy, Kushwaha sought to downplay the issue, asserting that he was not concerned how his remark was interpreted. He was not an aspirant for a minister's post in the Nitish cabinet, he stressed.

Kushwaha belongs to the Koeri caste, which along with Kurmi caste forms the Luv-Kush caste equation, the mainstay of the JD-U vote bank.

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Dance video in Jan Akrosh Yatra rocks BJP

The BJP's 'Jan Aakrosh Yatra' was designed to counter Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and corner the ruling Congress in Rajasthan. It also aimed to project a united BJP face to enthuse party cadres and the general public before the assembly polls. But a month later, the BJP Yatra has done little to build a public mood against the Gehlot government. The New Year created a new headache after the video of a woman dancing on a Jan Aakrosh Yatra stage in Alwar district went viral on social media. The state BJP president Satish Poonia has sought an explanation from the district BJP unit over the vulgar video that has embarrassed the Saffron party.

Prez turns emotional in spiritual home

President Draupadi Murmu turned emotional at a spiritual session in the Brahma Kumari headquarters in Mount Abu on her two-day visit to Rajasthan. Though she has been connected with this spiritual organisation for over 13 years, this was her first trip to Abu after becoming the President. While attending a meditation class, the President remembered a specially dark phase of her life when she tragically lost her husband and son. But she recalled, "After coming close to Brahmakumaris, my life got a new direction. Sisters of the organisation pulled me out of that situation and this Sansthan has given me a lot of love and affection."

Mann celebrates New Year in Rajasthan

He may be the Chief Minister of Punjab but Bhagwant Mann chose to celebrate New Year in Rajasthan. Mann reached Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's citadel Jodhpur and along with his wife and family members stayed at the grand Umaid Bhawan Palace. His video taking photos and selfies with tourists and visitors at the Umaid Bhawan Palace soon went viral on social media. Later, Mann moved out to ring in the New Year on the sand dunes of Jaisalmer. But he not only stayed away from the media, the Punjab CM also kept a distance from the local leaders and AAP workers. In the elections in Rajasthan this year, AAP plans to fight all 200 seats.

CASH RECOVERY

ED issues notice to 3 suspended Congress MLAs

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

ENFORCEMENT directorate (ED) has issued notice to the three suspended Congress MLAs in Kolkata cash recovery case. The notice was served officially to MLAs Irfan Ansari, Rajesh Kacchap and Naman Bixel Kongari on Saturday asking them to appear on January 13, 16 and 17 respectively. Jamtara MLA Irfan Ansari admitted that he has been summoned by ED along with Kacchap and Kongari on separate dates.

Another MLA Kongari, who is also accused in the case, asserted that he has been summoned by ED. They are ready to cooperate with ED, he said. Notably, the ED had also recorded the statement of MLA Kumar Jaimangal alias Anup Singh in the case on December 24, who alleged that each of the MLAs was offered ₹10 crore along with ministerial berth for a few of them to topple the government. Since he did not want to be a part of this unethical criminal activity, he informed the police seeking action against the three MLAs for pressurising him to come to Kolkata.

Rahul quotes Bhagvad Gita, says Cong yatra's objective is 'tapasya'

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

ASSERTING that the Bharat Jodo Yatra has received an overwhelming response in the country, Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said the yatra is against fear, hatred, inflation and unemployment, adding that the Bhagvad Gita "teaches us to do work and not worry about the results."

Amid a dense fog, the Congress yatra resumed Sunday morning from Dodwa near Karnal, the home district of BJP CM Manohar Lal Khattar, and entered Kurukshetra. A group of youngsters greeted him by removing their shirts. Rahul has been moving around in a T-shirt despite a chilly weather.

Senior party leaders Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Randeep Singh Surjewala and former Union minister Kumari Selja accompanied him. Rahul also met protesting farmers at Bastara toll plaza demanding higher state-assured cane prices.

Talking to the media at Samana near Kurukshetra, Rahul said: "While we were in Kerala,

people doubted if we would get the Kerala-like response in BJP-ruled Karnataka. However, we got an even better response there. A similar sequence went on everywhere," said Rahul.

"In the Gita we are told to focus on work, not on the result," he said, adding there was a purpose behind this yatra, which is 'tapasya' (penance)," he said. He would not comment now on whether the yatra would help the party politically. "This yatra is against the suppression of India's voice, the fear which is being spread and divisions being sown on caste and religious lines," he said.

Beneficiaries of PM housing scheme in Bengal to give written undertaking

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

MORE than 11 lakh beneficiaries of the rural housing scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojona (PMAY), will have to give a written undertaking that they will refund the first instalment of the funds in case they are found ineligible in a final round of verification process after the disbursal of the grant.

"We recently completed a three-step verification process and finalised the names of 11.39 lakh beneficiaries under the PMAY. The beneficiaries will have to complete constructions of their houses within March 31. The verification process will continue at the gram panchayat level, as complaints on eligibility are still pouring in. The decision to continue the verification process was taken to ensure no ineligible person gets the benefit. As part of this, beneficiaries will have to submit an undertaking that they are bound to refund the first instalment if they don't meet the criteria," said a senior official of the state panchayat department.

The panchayat department is all set to release the first instalment of ₹60,000 to each of the beneficiaries within a few days.

Centre keeping close watch on PMAY

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The Centre is keeping a close watch on the implementation of PMAY in Bengal as the central teams who had visited the state twice since 2021 found irregularities. Presently, central teams are visiting two south Bengal districts to oversee whether there are irregularities in finalising the beneficiaries under the rural housing scheme.

After pausing the fund under the PMAY last year, the Centre recently approved a grant of ₹13,000 crore for building up homes for the poor. Sources in the panchayat department said the decision of taking written undertaking from beneficiaries is significant in the backdrop of central teams visiting Bengal to take note of the ground realities in the implementation of the PMAY.

"The Centre has made it clear that it can again freeze the release of funds under the PMAY if ineligible persons are getting the benefits. The state government is treating the issue seriously as Delhi had stopped the release of funds under the PMAY for eight months last year on the ground that the name of the central scheme was changed in Bengal as Bangal Awas Yojona, instead of PMAY. The state government wants error-free lists of beneficiaries," said another official at Nabanna, the state secretariat.

If everything goes well under the PMAY, Bengal is supposed to get 50 lakh houses under the scheme by 2025. Everyday, complaints surface from districts accusing the TMC satraps and their relatives of applying for the PMAY grant despite living in palatial houses.

Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini strongly bats for special status to Bihar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

ROHINI Acharaya, 40, is not in the mood to enter politics now, but bats for special status to Bihar. She hopes that the Modi government will work closely with the Bihar government for the state's development. Rohini is one the daughters of RJD national president Lalu Prasad Yadav.

She also became a household name after she donated one of her kidneys to her ailing father. Moved at this act of her, many leaders of the BJP coming above party lines, had hailed her decision.

A BJP leader had tweeted that if God gives him a daughter, she should be like Rohini Acharya. Talking to this newspaper, she said: "There is no plan to join politics. I am happily settled in Singapore with my kids. Also, I have no immediate plans of coming back to India as my children are in school in Singapore."

When asked what made her to donate one of her kidneys to her father, she said that her kidney was just 'a small chunk of flesh' that she donated to her father as a *farz* (duty) of a daughter. Speaking about the political future of her brother Tejashwi Yadav, she said that Tejashwi is serving the people sincerely. "I am confident that he will continue to serve the people of Bihar and India in future," she said.

She also batted for special status for Bihar strongly. "I would like Bihar to get special status from the centre as soon as possible which will help accelerate development of Bihar. I want to see Bihar regain its lost glory of once being the 'education hub of India'," she added.

Supporting Millet Mission, C'garh outlet sells healthy cereal-based dishes

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

MILLETS cafe in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh might look like any other good standard restaurant but will surprise visitors who gain an insight into the inherent benefits of the nutri-cereals used to prepare various relishing food items listed in the menu. The cafe's role goes beyond any typical eating place as it enlightens the customers, too.

Launched in May last year by the Raigarh district administration, the goal remains to create awareness about the often neglected millets having tremendous health benefits besides to support the "Millet Mission" initiative of the state government. The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets under the ambition propagated by the Indian government. Chhattisgarh, often cited as 'rice bowl', aims to become the millet hub of the country.

"Millets are highly nutritious but their potential benefits remain overlooked and ignored. The approach with multi-departmental convergence is key to achieve millet promotion", said Bhim Singh, who conceptualised it while he was Raigarh collector.

Some popular dishes here are millet cheela, millet momos and millet pizza | EXPRESS

Singh worked with an integrated project for enhancing production, procurement and consumption of millets, especially Ragi with collaboration with Transforming Rural India Foundation. The ownership of the restaurant is with Vikas Mahila Kshetra Sangh, a national urban livelihood mission self-help group organisation, that runs it with positive results. "We not just offer a range of healthy food in our self-sustainable face but one can relish th dishes here", said Rohini Patnaik, who heads the operation of the cafe. Food connoisseurs are moved by the popular dishes such as millet cheela, dosa, millet momos, millet pizza, millet manchurian and kodo biryani among others.

CASTE IN POLITICS

After Bihar, demand for caste-based census grows in Maharashtra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER the Nitish Kumar-led grand alliance government in Bihar started the caste-based census, the Opposition in Maharashtra has voiced support for the move.

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has welcomed Nitish's decision, saying the census in that state was the result of strong sentiments attached to social justice for years. He said the caste-based count will help in getting the exact number of each caste. "This will help in drawing development plans targeted at each caste group. Only then will we be able to achieve overall growth. The Maharashtra government should also start it as early as possible," said the NCP chief.

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole said he was the first person to raise the demand in the Maharashtra assembly. When he was the Assembly speaker, he passed the one-line resolution in favour of carrying out the caste-based survey. "The decision was taken unanimously. But then we went out of power. The new government seems reluctant to carry out such a census. We demand that Maharashtra government should follow its Bihar counterpart and start the enumeration process," said Patole. "The exercise will provide us with scientific data on each caste. It can be used to draw and implement several development plans for the previously deprived people," said Patole.

A senior NCP leader said in the absence of authentic data, development works have failed to reach the desired levels. "We wish to remove disparity occuring between sections," he said.

China welcomes first batch of int'l travellers

Officials informed 387 passengers were aboard 2 flights from Toronto & Singapore

BEIJING

FOR the first time in three years, China on Sunday opened its borders and welcomed international travellers and returning residents without the need for them to go under quarantine, even as infections continue to surge after Beijing scrapped its stringent zero-Covid policy.

The first flights under China's new 'no quarantine' rules for international travellers landed at the airports in Guangzhou and Shenzhen in southern Guangdong province on Sunday morning, the state-run *CGTN TV* reported.

Officials said 387 passengers were aboard two flights from Toronto and Singapore on the day the country ended its strict Covid-19 restrictions for travellers. On Sunday, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region resumed cross-border travel with the Chinese mainland.

Official data showed some 410,000 people in Hong Kong planned to travel north in the next two month, while some 7,000 people in the mainland planned to travel south on Sunday.

Many other Chinese borders also saw cross-border travel.

At the Shanghai Pudong International Airport, a man surnamed Jiang, who was the first to complete the immigration procedures, told reporters that "It is very convenient all the way from exit hatch to border inspection and clearance."

Last month, China announced it was lifting Covid-19 restrictions that mandated international arrivals undergo nucleic acid tests and quarantine.

Also, an official statement on Sunday said China will monitor new Covid-19 variants from inbound travellers by collecting samples from hospitals and using genome sequencing under a new control plan.

Official reports said about 30 Omicron variants are prevalent in China.

The statement said the plan will allow local governments to re-impose restrictions on gatherings, order workplaces and schools to go online, and suspend 'non-essential activities,' including events, performances and conferences.

Meanwhile, more foreign governments are imposing testing requirements on travellers from China—most recently Germany, Sweden and Portugal. On Saturday, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock urged citizens to avoid 'unnecessary' travel to China, noting the rise in coronavirus cases and China's 'overburdened' health system.

The German regulation also allows for spot checks on arrival. Germany, like other European nations, will test wastewater from aircrafts for possible new virus variants. The measures come into force at midnight Monday and are due to last until April 7.

Agencies

Deadly attacks

The TTP has been blamed for several deadly attacks across Pakistan, including an attack on army headquarters in 2009 and the 2008 bombing of the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad.

Still open to ceasefire deal with Pak govt: TTP

PESHAWAR

THE chief of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has said that his group is 'still open' to a ceasefire agreement with the Pakistan government, according to media reports.

"We held talks with Pakistan mediated by Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan. We are still open to the ceasefire agreement," the *Dawn* quoted TTP chief Mufti Noor Wali Mehsood as saying in a video.

Mehsood's change in stance comes amid reports that he has sought guidance from religious scholars in Pakistan.

In the video message, Mehsood said his outfit is 'open to guidance' from Pakistan's religious scholars if they believe 'the direction of our jihad' is wrong, according to the *Express Tribune*.

"If you find any problem in the jihad that we waged (against this global infidel agenda), if you believe we have changed our direction, that we have gone astray, then you're requested to guide us. We're always ready to listen to your arguments happily," the TTP chief said.

Mehsood's comments come amid a sharp uptick in violence across Pakistan.

On Saturday, Pakistan police arrested five TTP terrorists during intelligence-based operations in the country's Punjab province.

Over 5,000 tribesmen took out a rally on Friday in Wana, the headquarters of the South Waziristan tribal district, against the growing unrest, terrorism, and kidnappings in their areas. The protest comes amidst rising terrorist attacks in the country, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces that are believed to have been carried out by TTP militants.

In November last year, the TTP called off an indefinite ceasefire agreed with the government in June 2022 and ordered its militants to carry out attacks on the security forces.

The TTP had also threatened to target top leaders of PM Shehbaz Sharif's PML-N and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's PPP.

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EXPRESS READ

Germany detains Iranian suspected of attacks

A 32-year-old Iranian man has been detained in Germany on suspicion of planning an attack with deadly chemicals. The man is suspected to had allegedly sought to obtain the potent toxins cyanide and ricin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Ameer azad** intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule here under. In the event of any person/s having any objections or any claims of whatsoever nature by any person or any interested person in the schedule Property, such objections if any shall be lodged with the address mentioned hereunder within **15 days** from the date of the publication of this public notice if no objections are received within 15 days of the publication of this public notice it shall be deemed that there is no objection for sale of the schedule property to my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing 376 (old No 277, 278 and 280), Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560002, measuring East to west: 65 feet and North to South: 45 feet in all total measuring **2925 Sq.ft** and bounded on the;

EAST BY : Municipal Drain and Road, WEST BY: Avenue Road, NORTH BY: Property belonging to Purshotham Das, SOUTH BY : Property belonging to New Bombay Chandra Bhavan.

B.S.MANJUNATH, Advocate
M/s. Suo Associates LLP,
No.6, Ground Floor, Opp: HIG 233, 1st Main, Dollors Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, BENGALURU- 560 094
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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
CRL. REV. PET. No.188/2021 (CCH-59)
BETWEEN: SRI. SHIVANANDA NAIK, S/o. Mahabaleshwara Naik, aged about 56 years, R/at No.37, Banashankari Nilaya, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Bahubali Nagar, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013. ... **PETITIONER**
AND: M/s. SOORYOHAM MARKETING AND SERVICES PVT. LTD. C/o. Pradeep Kumar (Guruji), 52 C, Sangolli Rayanna Raste, Doddi Palya Main Road, Kuvempunagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore. Rep. by authorised signatory, **2. DR. SOORYA JEWELL,** C/o. Pradeep Kumar (Guruji), 52 C, Sangolli Rayanna Raste, Doddi Palya Main Road, Kuvempunagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore. 7022727103, 9113065519. ... **RESPONDENTS**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS UNDER SECTION 397 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

To: **RESPONDENTS No.1 and 2: M/s. SOORYOHAM MARKETING AND SERVICES PVT. LTD.** C/o. Pradeep Kumar (Guruji), 52 C, Sangolli Rayanna Raste, Doddi Palya Main Road, Kuvempunagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore. Rep. by authorised signatory, **2. DR. SOORYA JEWELL,** C/o. Pradeep Kumar (Guruji), 52 C, Sangolli Rayanna Raste, Doddi Palya Main Road, Kuvempunagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore. 7022727103, 9113065519. ... **RESPONDENTS**

Whereas the petitioner has filed the above criminal revision petition against the respondents. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on **23.02.2023** at 11.00 a.m. to answer the same, failing which the case will be disposed off Ex-parte.

Gives under my hand and seal of the court on this 04-01-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **H.C. RAMESH**
No.303, 3rd Floor, Brigade Majestic, (Airtel Building) 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE 5th ADDITIONAL PRL. JUDGE, FAMILY COURT, AT BENGALURU
MC No 2649/2022

BETWEEN: Mrs. Shobha N Petitioner
AND:
Mr. Raghu KR Respondent

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE RESPONDENT

Mr. Raghu K R S/o K V Raju,
R/o Satyanarayana Krupa, Srirama Block, Arkanatha Road, K R Nagar Town Mysore District.

Whereas the petitioner has filed a Divorce case under Section 13-1(ia) of the Hindu Marriage Act - 1955, the marriage dated 25.05.1986 at Udupi Krishna Mandira, Shivarampet, Mysuru, by way of passing the Judgment and Decree under Section 13-1(a) to be passed in the favour of the Petitioner, directing the respondent to appear before to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an advocate **on 30.01.2023** at Hon'ble 5th Additional Principal Judge, Family Court Complex, Siddaiah Road, Bangalore to answer as to why relief prayed for should not be granted failing which the petition will be disposed as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 16th day of November 2022.

By order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar Family Court Bengaluru

Advocate for Applicant
Sri KAPIL DIXIT Advocate
No.210-212, B Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bengaluru 560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

That the attention of general public is drawn that my client **D. SHANKARAPPA,** S/o Late Dasappa, aged about 52 years, R/at No.54, Krishnappa lay-out, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-94, intended to purchase the schedule mentioned house property From **Smt. M.R. Rathnamma,** W/o Sri. Rangaswamaiah, aged about 58 years, R/at No.8, 'Surabhi' Kempaiah Lay-out, Nagashettihalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-94 for valuable sale consideration and entered in to **agreement of sale.** If any person having any claims, right, title or interest or share over the said property may forward their objections to the undersigned **within FIFTEEN days** from the date of this publication/notice, failing which it will be deemed that, there are no claims, right, title or interest by anybody and my client will proceed further and complete sale transaction by register the absolute sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House property bearing No.8, Formed in Sy.No.76/2 of Nagashettihalli village, Bangalore North Taluk, now called as Kempaiah Lay-out, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-94, **PID No.100-161-8,** measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 40 feet, (out of total property measuring East-West-60 Feet, North-South-40 Feet) now comes under BBMP Ward No.18, consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor House and bounded by: **East:** Remaining property of Vendor, **West:** Shankarappa House, **North:** Site No.7, **South:** Site No.9.

Address for communication:
Murali .M, Advocate,
No.15, MNM Associates, Next to Padma Tent, Amruthahalli, Bengaluru-92.
Cell:9900212256.

Indian Overseas Bank
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL-RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

BID NO: GEM/2023/B/2950956 Dated:06.01.2023

The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites

www.iob.in & www.gem.gov.in

For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

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KYLE CHANDLER

Government of Karnataka
Revenue Department
Atalji Janasnehi Directorate, Revenue Survey Office Building, K. R. Circle, Bangalore – 560001

No: AJSD/TENDER/ADM-133/2022-23 Dated: 06.01.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for **Supplying of Epson Ink Bottles for Atalji Janasnehi Kendras of Bangalore & Mysuru Division.**

The tender documents and related information can be obtained from e-Procurement portal – **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **09.01.2023 to 23.01.2023.**

Sd/- Director,
Atalji Janasnehi Directorate

DIPR/CP/3957/Zen/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Revenue Department
Atalji Janasnehi Directorate, Revenue Survey Office Building, K. R. Circle, Bangalore – 560001

No: AJSD/TENDER/ADM-111/2022-23 Dated: 06.01.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for **procurement of Manpower Resources Agency for District Consultant to Atalji Janasnehi Directorate.**

The tender documents and related information can be obtained from e-Procurement portal – **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **09.01.2023 to 23.01.2023.**

Sd/- Director,
Atalji Janasnehi Directorate

DIPR/CP/3959/Zen/2022-23

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(CIN: U40107KA2015PLCO79223)
No. 6/13/1, KREDL Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.

No.: KSPDCL/F-213/2022-23/57 Date: 06.01.2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation (KSPDCL) invites bids for providing vehicles on hire basis for the use of officers of KSPDCL. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** on or after **9th January 2023.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka undertaking)

No. GESCOM/CEE(O)/EE(RA)/AEE(T)/AAO(RA)/2022-23/49714-18 Dated:07/01/2023

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE HON'BLE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagar, Benagaluru-560 052

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application for Approval of Annual Performance Review of FY-22 (Truing Up), Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) & Expected Revenue from Charges (ERC) for the 6th Control Period for FY-24 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY-24 of Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM), Kalaburagi 585102 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reform Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations including KERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Distribution and Retail sale of Electricity Regulations 2006 and MYT Order No. D/01/6, Dated 31.05.2006 and with subsequent amendments.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (GESCOM)

..... PETITIONER

SUMMARY OF PETITION (NOTICE)

1. NEED FOR REVISION:

A revenue deficit arises due to the mismatch between the revenue receipts from existing tariff and Aggregate Revenue Requirement of GESCOM as detailed below (including subsidy from GoK and regulatory Assets):

Financial Year	Revenue Receipts in Rs. Crores	Revenue Requirement in Rs. Crores	Surplus/(Deficit) Rs.in Crores	Sale unit in MU	Average cost of supply Rs./unit
1	2	3	4	5	6=3/5
2021-22	6027.72	5910.76	10.11	7827.30	7.55
2023-24	6974.62	8135.28	(1160.66)	8470.08	9.60

Total Deficit proposed for recovery from the Tariff Petition: Rs. 1160.66 Crs.

1. The revenue receipts (Income) are estimated as per the existing tariff and deficit could not be recovered at the existing tariff. Hence this petition for revision of tariff is filed **proposing hike Category wise (LT/HT) i.e. increase in Fixed Charges & increase/decrease in Energy Charges,** enabling GESCOM to recover the projected total deficit **Rs. 1160.66 Crs for FY-24 .**
2. **PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE**: The Tariff wise / slab wise existing tariff rates and proposed tariff rates with the hike proposed in both fixed charges and energy charges is shown in Annexure.
3. **Pursuant to Regulation-5 of KERC (Tariff) Regulations 2000, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o The Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagar, Benagaluru-560 052 along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an affidavit within Thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Tariff Notification and also to indicate whether they want to be heard in person during public hearing. A copy of the objection may be marked to Executive Engineer (El), Regulatory Affairs, Corporate office, GESCOM, Kalaburgi-585102 for furnishing replies to the objections.**
4. For reference of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available with the Executive Engineer Ele, (RA) Corporate Office, Station Main Road, Kalaburgi-585102 and at O&M Circle Office GESCOM, Kalaburagi/Bidar/Ballari/Raichur/Koppal. A full set of petition copy will also be made available on payment of Rs. 550/- and 1200/- for Tariff Petition copy and GESCOM's replies to Commission's preliminary observations respectively. For both Rs. 1750/-.
5. The soft copy of the ERC / Tariff application, Commission's preliminary observation's Compliance of GESCOM details of existing and proposed tariff can be viewed on our website (**https://gescom.karnataka.gov.in/**) or they may also obtain copies of the required portion / full copy of the petition / KERC preliminary observation / GESCOM replies etc., by paying photocopying / binding charges.

ANNEXURE

Statement Showing Existing Tariff of FY 23 and Proposed Tariff for FY 24.

Consumer Category / Slabs		Fixed/Energy Charges (Rs./Unit) Existing	Proposed
LT-1: Applicable to Bhagya Jyoti/Kutira Jyothi Installations			
Up to 40 Units		8.11	9.60
Minimum Charges		70	
LT-2a(i): Domestic for areas coming under CMC/TMC			
Fixed Charges	First KW Rs.	100	150
	Above 1 KW Upto 50 KW	110	250
	Every KW above 50 KW	175	300
Energy Charges	For 1 to 50 units	4.10	3.90
	For 51 to 100 units	5.60	5.45
	For 101 to 200 units	7.15	7.65
	For above 200 units	8.20	8.50
LT-2a(ii): Domestic for areas coming under Village Panchayat			
Fixed Charges	First KW Rs.	85	140
	Above 1 KW Upto 50 KW	100	200
	Every KW above 50 KW	160	280
Energy Charges	For 1 to 50 units	4.00	3.85
	For 51 to 100 units	5.30	5.20
	For 101 to 200 units	6.85	7.15
	For above 200 units	7.70	8.00
LT-2b(i) Pvt. Professional, Educational Institutions in CMC/TMC			
Fixed Charges	First KW Minimum of Rs.	150	250
	Above 1 KW Upto 50 KW	120	200
	Every KW above 50 KW	175	300
Energy Charges	For First 200 Units	7.30	7.80
	For above 200 units	8.55	9.05
LT-2b(ii) Pvt. Professional/Educational Institutions in Village Panchayats			
Fixed Charges	First KW Minimum of Rs.	135	160
	Above 1 KW Upto 50 KW	110	130
	Every KW above 50 KW	165	195
Energy Charges	For First 200 Units	6.75	7.00
	For above 200 units	8.00	8.25
LT-3(i): Commercial coming under CMC/TMC areas			
Fixed Charges	For 1 KW upto 50 KW	125	250
	Above 50 KW	230	350
Energy Charges	For 0 to 50 Units	8.40	8.20
	For above 50 units	9.40	9.20
LT-3(ii): Commercial coming under Village Panchayat areas			
Fixed Charges	For 1 KW upto 50 KW	115	140
	Above 50 KW	220	250
Energy Charges	For 0 to 50 Units	7.90	7.70
	For above 50 units	8.90	8.70
LT-4a: Applicable to IP sets upto and inclusive of 10HP			
Fixed Charges	Rs./HP	CDT	200
Energy Charges	For all units	6.63	6.70
LT-4b: Applicable to IP sets above 10HP			
Fixed Charges	Rs./HP	110	140
Energy Charges	For all units	3.90	4.00
LT-4c: Pvt. Horticultural Nurseries/Planatations 10HP & below			
Fixed Charges	Rs./HP	100	150
Energy Charges	For all units	3.90	4.50
LT-5a: Industries coming under CMC/TMC areas			
Fixed Charges (Rs./HP)	5 HP & below	90	150
	>5 HP & below 40 HP	100	160
	40 HP & below 67 HP	125	185
	67 HP & above but below 100 HP	190	290
	100 HP & above	225	500
Energy Charges	For 1 to 500 units	5.85	5.75
	For 501 to 1000 units	6.85	6.75
	For above 1000 units	7.15	7.05
LT-5b: Industries coming under Village Panchayat areas			
Fixed Charges (Rs./HP)	5 HP & below	80	140
	> 5 HP & below 40 HP	95	150
	40 HP & below 67 HP	120	175
	67 HP & above but below 100 HP	175	275
	100 HP & above	210	485
Energy Charges	For 1 to 500 units	5.75	5.60
	For 501 to 1000 units	6.70	6.55
	For above 1000 units	7.00	6.85

Consumer Category / Slabs		Fixed/Energy Charges (Rs./Unit) Existing	Proposed
LT-6a: Water supply and Sewerage Pumping installations			
Fixed Charges	Rs./HP/Month upto 67 HP	110	160
Per HP Per Month for every additional KW above 67 HP		215	250
Energy Charges	For all units.	5.00	6.60
LT-6b: Applicable to public street lights / park lights.			
Fixed Charges	Rs./KW/Month	125	175
Energy Charges	For all units	6.65	7.50
LED Lighting	For all units	5.60	7.00
LT-6c: Application to Vehicle Charging Station			
Fixed Charges for LT	KW/month Upto 50 KW	70	70
Fixed Charges for LT	KW/month for Every Addl. KW above 50 KW	170	170
Fixed Charges for HT	KVA/month	200	200
Energy Charges for LT/HT	For all units	5.00	5.00
LT-7a: Applicable to Temporary installations for all purpose.			
Energy Charges/Unit	For <67 HP	11.20	12.00
Subject to Weekly minimum charge per KW of SL		275	300
LT-7b: Temporary PS for Hoardings Advt.Boards,etc on (Permanent basis)			
Fixed Charges	For <67 HP	150	175
Energy Charges	For <67 HP	11.20	12.00
HT-1: Water Supply & Sewerage treatment plant & pumping installations.			
Demand Charges	Rs Per KVA	250	350
Energy Charges	For all units	5.60	8.10
HT-2 (a): HT Industries			
Demand Charges Rs	Per KVA	265	550
Energy Charges	For first 1,00,000 units	7.35	5.85
	above 1,00,000 units	7.60	6.10
Applicable to Railway Traction			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	275	550
Energy Charges	for all units	6.60	5.85
Applicable to Effluent Plants			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	275	550
Energy Charges	for all units.	7.00	5.85
HT-2 (b): HT Commercial			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	290	425
Energy Charges	For first 2,00,000 units	9.05	8.90
	above 2,00,000 units	9.15	9.00
HT-2C(i) Applicable to Govt Hospitals/Educational Institutions			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	260	450
Energy Charges	For first 1,00,000 units	7.20	7.00
	above 1,00,000 units	7.60	7.40
HT-2C(ii) Applicable to Pvt. Hospitals/Educational Institutions			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	265	450
Energy Charges	For first 1,00,000 units	8.20	8.00
	above 1,00,000 units	8.60	8.40
HT-3a(i): Lift Irrigation Schemes of Govt. Department			
Energy Charges	For all units	3.15	6.00
Subject to	Min of Rs. Per HP/Annum	1900	3000
HT-3a(ii): Pvt. LI Schemes/Societies connected to Urban/Exp. Feeders			
Fixed charges	Rs. Per HP	110	300
Energy Charges	For all units	3.15	5.50
HT-3a(iii): Pvt. LI Schemes/Societies other than those covered in HT-3a(ii)			
Fixed charges	Rs. Per HP	90	150
Energy Charges	For all units	3.15	5.50
HT-3b: Irrigation & Agricultural/Horticultural Farms & Plantations.			
Energy Charges	For all units	5.15	5.50
Subject to Annual minimum of Rs. /HP of SL		1960	3000
HT-4: Residential Apartments & Colonies			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per KVA	175	400
Energy Charges	for all units.	7.05	5.50
HT-5: HT Temparory installations having 67 HP & above loads.			
Demand Charges Rs.	Per HP	325	400
Energy Charges	for all units	11.20	11.40

Consumer can avail the ToD facility upon the request (applicable to LT-5, LT-6(c), HT-1 and HT-2 (Excluding railway traction)).

Facility of Demand based tariff is available for (LT-3 and LT-5) consumers.

Note: In addition to above taxes levied/leviable by the Govt. from time to time shall be applicable

For additional information on the proposed Tariff visit GESCOM Website **https://gescom.karnataka.gov.in**

For Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/- Executive Enginer (Ele.)
Regulatory Affairs Section, Corporate Office
GESCOM Kalaburagi-585102

DIP/Kalaburagi/1084/MC&A/2022-23

₹5,900 cr have been offloaded in Indian equities by foreign Investors in the first week of January on growing concerns over Covid

Rising rates tip the balance in favour of FDs, debt funds

Investors' strategies need a rethink in 2023 as long-term fixed income instruments are offering higher yields compared to other asset classes

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RISING interest rates have tipped the scales in favour of bank Fixed Deposits (FDs) and debt funds. Recent increases in rates on FDs by the banks, higher returns by debt funds and disappointing performance by the equity market have prompted investors to rethink their investment strategy.

With interest rates expected to peak during the second half of this year, the time is ripe for risk-averse investors to increase their allocation in FDs and debt funds, believe experts.

"We are somewhere close to the peak of the interest rate cycle and rates should touch their peak in 2023. So, it is a good idea for an investor to start locking in a longer-term fixed interest rate. In the first half of the year, they should try to increase the allocation to the longer-term fixed income instruments," Vishal Dhawan, Founder of Plan Ahead Wealth Advisor told TNIE.

FD rates over 7%

Interest rates on bank FDs have shot up recently following the multiple repo rate hikes by the Reserve Bank of India last year. In a bid to reign-in high inflation, the central bank has raised the repo rate by 225 basis points (bps) since April 2022. The RBI is widely expected to raise the repo rate by 25 bps in its next meeting in February.

Reacting to repo rate hikes, banks have hiked rates on FDs. The interest on FDs maturing in 1 to 5 years is now ranging between 7% and 8.1%. Debt funds are another attractive option for investors.

"It is a good time for investors to start locking in yield in fixed deposits and more so through debt mutual funds. As inflation and consequently interest rates stabilise over the next few years, accrual income will be beneficial for fixed income investors. From a taxation perspective, it is advisable to invest through mutual funds to participate in this view," Harish Menon, Co-founder and Head of Investments and Product Research at House of Alpha, a financial planner and wealth management advisory firm, said.

"Considering the yield curve, 3-5 years term duration is offering the best value now. Investors can lock the yield and benefit by following a rolling down the yield curve strategy. Debt index funds are the most optimum product in this segment," he added.

Debt funds offer better post-tax returns compared to FDs to investors if they stay invested for three years or more. Experts say that the decision to choose between FDs or debt funds depends on the investors' tax bracket. "For those in higher tax brackets, debt funds will be more efficient because of the indexation and capital gains benefit that is available for long term debt while those in lower tax brackets can consider either bank FDs or highly rated corporate deposits," added Dhawan.

Subdued equity market returns in 2023

Rates on small saving schemes of the government have also been raised. The Ministry of Finance has hiked the interest rates on some small savings schemes for January- March quarter and they are now offering up to 8% interest.

While rates on term deposits have gone up, the equity market has not performed as per investors' expectations as BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty index delivered 4.4% and 4.3%, respectively in 2022. In the first week of new year, Sensex has shed about 1,141.50 points (1.87%) while the Nifty has declined 242.45 (1.34%).

"FDs of over 7% interest can marginally affect the inflows to capital market from small investors in 2023-24. But more than FDs, competition is higher from government and corporate debt instruments, which can provide decent yields of 8% to 10% at low risk," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

"The future view of the domestic stock market in 2023 is neutral due to recessionary and high valuation. In 2023–24, we can expect risk-averse investors to invest in interest-earning categories, including debt schemes, in anticipation of fixed returns compared to a volatile market," he added.

Several companies have also announced the launch of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) offering over 10% yield to investors.

The public issue of secured NCDs of InCred Financial Services opens for subscription on Monday. The NCDs offer coupon rates ranging from 9.45% to 10% per annum with quarterly and annual interest options. Similarly public issues of NCDs of IIFL Finance and Indiabulls Commercial Credit are also open for subscription.

TIME TO LOCK IN HIGH RATES

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MONEY MATTERS

WHY MUTUAL FUNDS HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

MUTUAL Fund investing is still in its infancy in India. There are merely 2.5 crore unique mutual fund investors if one goes by the data on folios. There are over 10 crore folios, but the industry assumes one unique investor for every four folios as a thumb rule.

In a country of 130 crore people, that is a minimal number. A primary reason for mutual funds to take time to evolve in India is your behaviour as an investor. You are not using them, or if you are using them, there is a constant churn that is taking money out of the market and not letting it grow.

The Association of Mutual Funds in India monthly data reveals that equity assets account for about 60% of the total assets under mutual funds management. Most of them are in equity or growth-oriented schemes. According to a section of mutual fund industry insiders, mutual fund unitholders are churning their investments too often. They are not even holding their units for more than a year. From a tax management standpoint, that is meaningless.

Mutual funds are meant for long-term savings. They are not short-term trading instruments you use to make a fast buck.

If you break mutual fund investors among institutional, retail, high-net-worth individuals and others, retail investors account for only 45.7% of the total equity assets under management. In the case of debt mutual funds, barely 2.6% of the total investor accounts belong to the retail investor category. Institutional and high-net-worth individuals use mutual funds much more than retail investors for whom the product is mainly designed. It also shows poor investor awareness across product categories.

Risk appetite

There are more reasons to invest through mutual funds than not. A natural diversification product, mutual funds are created to help you leave the regular management of money to a professional. Since most of you work outside the world of finance, you need to let experts do the job.

Assets in retirement and children's fund schemes are barely ₹32,000 crore. Your investments in such funds are meant to pool long-term savings for wealth creation. If you are worried about the risk in the market, please note that your provident fund and employee provident have started investing in equity assets. Indirectly, you own equity assets already if you are a salaried worker contributing to these monthly savings.

Tax planning

Mutual funds are a great way to plan your taxes. According to AMFI monthly data, tax savings equity schemes manage close to ₹1.5 lakh crore or 5% of the total MF assets. The equity-linked savings schemes offer a tax saving benefit under section 80C. Besides the deduction, there is a lock-in period of three years. That is an excellent way to put some money away every year and give it adequate time to grow. It will stop you from pressing the 'redemption' button whenever you need money and churn.

The other important aspect of investing through tax saving plans is ensuring you do not get caught up in any last-minute decisions towards the end of the financial year. Your tax planning should begin on 1 April of every year and not on 31 March. The last-minute rush makes you take wrong decisions and lock your money in instruments that could offer you returns lower than the inflation rate.

What you can do

If you are new to investing, index or exchange-traded funds are good for you. Presently, the monthly mutual fund data reveals low participation. Investment in exchange-traded funds or index funds is just ₹1.23 lakh crore. That is way below any potential.

Index funds could be your first step if you plan to search for personal finance knowledge. If you are not getting near the world of personal finance knowledge, that can be your first and last step. A disciplined approach to investing through systematic investment plans of index funds is good enough to offer better than inflation returns over the next 10-15 years.

MONEY-WISE

WILL ALL THAT GLITTERS REMAIN GOLD ?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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INVESTMENTS in gold yielded the best returns across asset classes in 2022. Smart investors have historically used gold as a natural hedge in their portfolios to their equity holdings as in periods of crisis, when equities tend to consolidate or weaken, gold has surged.

This was clearly witnessed in the early months of 2020, when the first Covid wave swept across the globe. After a brief lull, it was witnessed again following the break-out of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine that escalated into a full blown war. A weakening US dollar and the near complete collapse of several cryptocurrencies has had investors rushing back to the relative safety of the precious yellow metal, historically known to be the asset class of the last refuge.

Other than commodity traders who deal in the precious metal and are not averse to selling it when found profitable to, the rest, by and large, tend to hoard and pass gold down their generations. This trend is unlikely to change soon.

What has changed though is the growing number of investors who prefer to use gold as a pure investment avenue and accumulate it with the clear cut intention of profiting from it at the appropriate time. So, what are the common investment avenues used by those that invest in gold? Exchange traded Funds (ETFs), Fund of Funds and of late, Sovereign Gold bonds.

Gold ETFs are units representing physical gold in dematerialised form. One Gold ETF unit is equal to 1 gram of 24k gold, and is backed by physical gold of very high purity. Gold ETFs combine the flexibility of stock investment and the simplicity of gold investments and are listed at the premier stock exchanges, and traded just like the stock of any company.

A demat account is necessary to transact in Gold ETFs and debt taxation rules are applicable on the realised gains therefrom.

Gold Fund of Funds, more commonly referred to as Gold Mutual Funds are open-ended funds which invest in units of Gold ETF. The returns of these funds reflect that of the underlying Gold ETF. While these funds are very convenient for making pre-set (eg.. SIP) purchases and sales in gold, the expense ratios levied by the fund houses running them, make them marginally costlier. Its taxation is the same as ETFs.

Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs), which is relatively newer, is issued by the central bank (RBI). It periodically issues SGBs multiple times in a year and fixes a price for each issuance. Investors have to pay the issue price in cash and the bonds will be redeemed in cash on maturity. Notably, while the capital gains from these bonds are tax-free if held till maturity, they have a lock-in period of 5 years which prevents one from cashing in on it in case of a spurt in the price of the yellow metal.

A look at gold returns over the last 10 years suggests that there is money to be made in gold by a patient investor. Be patient and bet on the ability of humans to create a crisis. However, the timing of entry and exit in this asset class matters a lot and to mitigate the risk of going horribly wrong with timing, it might be better to use the SIP or STP route to make investments.

Lenders to conduct second round of auction for Reliance Capital

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

WITH an aim to maximise the value realised from the corporate insolvency resolution process of Reliance Capital, the Committee of Creditors (COC) has decided to run a second round of Challenge Mechanism (e-auction) for the bidders – Hinduja group and Torrent Group.

The CoC is now eyeing an amount upwards of ₹10,000 crore from the proposed second auction, sources told TNIE. The second round (based on Challenge Mechanism) is likely to be held around January 20, 2023. The first round of auction saw both – Hindujas and Torrent trying to outbid each other by revising their bids and offering more upfront cash, even after the auction got over.

The second round of the auction will be conducted with a reserve price of ₹9,500 crore. The participants will have to increase the bid amount by minimum ₹500 crore in the first round. That means the minimum bid amount in the round-1 has to be ₹10,000 crore. In the following rounds, bidders will have to increase the bid amount by minimum ₹250 crore each. The second round will also have the minimum upfront cash threshold of ₹8,000 crore for the bidders.

In its revised bid, the Torrent Group had already made an all-cash offer of ₹8,640 crore, while Hinduja Group had offered to pay ₹8,800 crore in its revised bid. However, the Mumbai bench of the NCLT has asked the CoC to not consider Hinduja Group's revised bid.

What is more interesting is the fact that the second round of auction will be open for all the four bidders – Torrent Group, Hinduja Group, Cosmea-Piramal, and Oaktree. Sources said that all these bidders have a valid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and were eligible participants for the previous round of auction too.

According to sources, the decision to have another round of auction has been taken as the commercial viability of the Torrent and Hinduja bids is not acceptable to the CoC.

The bids submitted by Torrent and Hinduja are far below the liquidation value and fair value fixed by the independent valuers. The Liquidation Value of Reliance Capital is pegged at around ₹13,000 crore and Fair Value is ₹17,000 crore.

APPOINTMENT

Chawla is new MD of Paytm Payments Bank

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) has received banking regulator RBI's approval to appoint Surinder Chawla as its Managing Director and CEO. Previously, Chawla worked with HDFC Bank, RBL Bank, ABN Amro Bank and Standard Chartered Bank.

The appointment comes as part of PPBL's ongoing efforts to strengthen its leadership team, enhance its technology capabilities and drive financial inclusion in the country. Chawla's expertise will be a great addition to PPBL, the company said.

The appointment will become effective upon the completion of the requisite regulatory formalities.

Not entered any business without bidding, says Gautam Adani

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani has said that his company has not entered any business without bidding. Adani was responding to the criticism that his company has been getting easy access to all businesses.

"The Adani Group has a philosophy that nothing should be touched without a bid. Be it ports, airports, roads, power houses, not one business has been acquired without bidding. It's like questioning the one who stands first in the exam," said Gautam Adani in a TV interview on Saturday. The interviewer was referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's continuous jibe at the government at the centre for allowing Adani to bid for all kinds of assets. On the question of easier access to loans from banks and high debt levels, Gautam Adani said all the loans taken by the group are rated at par with the sovereign rating.

"Adani Group has such a discipline and rating, that in my 25 years we have never delayed payment or defaulted on interest, and more so, whenever we need funds for any development activity, everyone is ready to lend to us," he says.

He also clarified that for an infrastructure project, the company puts 30-40% of its own money (equity) and the rest is borrowed from banks.

When asked if access to loans have been easier after the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, Gautam Adani says that before 2013 they used to take 80% of the money from Indian banks, but today that stands at 35%.

"After that, we penetrated the international market with a global rating. On the global front, no one lends based on what someone says, they purely lend seeing your rating and governance. Based on our company's ratings and disclosures, one of our companies has got an award for worldwide 3rd ESG level. This is an absolutely baseless allegation. I understand he needs to say certain things politically, but there's no friction between the lenders and us borrowers," says Adani.

Osaka withdraws from Australian Open

MELBOURNE: Naomi Osaka has confirmed she will not play at the Australian Open. Organizers confirmed in a tweet on Sunday that Japan's Osaka, the Open champion in 2019 and 2021, will not be playing in Melbourne. 'Naomi Osaka has withdrawn from the Australian Open. We will miss her at #AO2023,' the tweet said.

Surya 2.0: The shape-shifting puzzle

Batter's ability to predict and premedidate consistently puts him a level above the rest

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IN hindsight, it's amusing to note that Suryakumar Yadav made his T20I debut in March 2021. At a time when India relied on wicket preservation as opposed to viewing the format as a different sport — there are arguments to suggest they still don't view T20 as a different sport — Yadav was one of the few Indian batters to identify what T20s were. In the three years of playing the IPL before he was belatedly handed an India debut, he compiled 1416 runs at 136 while averaging 34.5 (hitting one boundary every five deliveries).

When the selectors finally decided to embrace Yadav's coruscating ability before the T20 World Cup in 2021, there was a collective sigh. Relief more than anything. His first international essay with the bat only confirmed what many had seen. Here was a batter blessed with elastic wrists, timing from the Gods, an understanding of the field and an innate ability to hit the ball in places where captains don't normally place fielders. After his match-winning 50 against England on debut, then skipper Virat Kohli said the dressing room was 'stunned' by the start he gave (a first ball six). "It's not easy to walk in at three and start like that, we were stunned by that start, he stamped his authority..." People who regularly watched Mumbai Indians, though, weren't all that stunned. Time and again, he had bullied some of the leading bowlers in the world.

Suryakumar Yadav scored 28.5 per cent of his runs on Saturday in the fine-leg region | AFP

If the period from 2018 to 2021 saw his rise, the last two years has been Yadav 2.0 where he has grown from Mumbai's not so well kept secret to the world's best T20 batter. His third century, coming against Sri Lanka on Saturday, explained why Yadav lives in a different planet compared to the other batters in T20s. He doesn't try to muscle balls, he plays the field, can hurt bowlers in multiple ways, possesses different shots to the same deliveries and never loses shape.

It's perhaps funny to say he never loses shape when he sometimes finishes on the adjacent surface but 'never loses shape' in this context means he's always in control. Especially when he eyes the vacant region behind square on either side, he uses the bat as a tool to divert the ball. There is always an element of premeditation but in Yadav's case, it actually helps him because a) he never loses shape, b) uses the bat to kiss the ball and not bludgeon it. "It is really important to put pressure on yourself when you are preparing for the game," he said on Saturday. "There is a lot of hard work involved. Some quality practice sessions are also involved. The boundaries behind were 59-60m, so I tried to clear them. There are a few shots that are pre-determined but you have to be ready for other strokes as well."

New Zealand's Glenn Phillips put forth a theory on what made Yadav, Yadav, after the third T20I during the recent series. "The thing that strikes me the most is actually how he manages to predict so well where the ball is going," he had said. "It's not necessarily about the premeditation, per se. He has a rough idea of where the bowler is going to bowl. But he still has the ability to guess which ball it is going to be and then have bailout options. If it's not there and, unlike other people, his bailout options still seem to go for four or six."

Indeed. That's what has made him so successful and it's why it's proved so hard for the bowlers to figure him out. Imagine the grammar of his batting like a constant shape-shifting puzzle. You solve it once, it automatically becomes something else two nights later so the bowler has to do something entirely different.

WITH ADDED ARSENAL, YASTIKA KEEN TO CONQUER T20 FORMAT

GOMESH S @ Chennai

FROM making her India debut in Australia to playing in the 2022 ODI World Cup and Commonwealth Games before being left out of the T20 setup, Yastika Bhatia's first year in international cricket has been a whirlwind ride.

After missing out on the T20 Asia Cup, the 22-year-old went back to the domestic circuit, piled on runs in the shortest format to make her way back into the Indian team. Now, she is all set to play in another World Cup, this time in the T20 format, next month. In a candid chat with this daily, Yastika speaks about her first year with the Indian team, the work she did to improve her T20 game and the upcoming World Cup in South Africa. Excerpts...

On your first year in international cricket...

I have evolved a lot. I have learnt a lot of things as a person and as a cricketer. I have tried to take all the lessons that have come my way in a positive manner. Every time I have faced a setback, I have tried to comeback... that has been the whole year in one line. It has not been a smooth ride for me. I have faced a lot of challenges but I have really enjoyed that phase and never did I feel that this is the end of the road. I just enjoy every situation international cricket has offered for me because every step, every situation has improved me. Whether it was the World Cup, sitting out in the first match and then coming in when the team needed me to be a little explosive at the top of the order, or the Commonwealth Games, there were not so many runs from my bat. All the challenges have improved me and taught me. It also showed me who all are close to me, who are my support system who believe in me even when I am shaken, the people who are close to me. I learnt a lot of things on and off the field.

You have had your share of highs as well...

Yes, whenever I was having a good time also, whether it was the England series or the domestic season. That also has taught me a lot. It exposed me to my capacity and what I am capable of; pulling the team out of a (tough) situation where I even thought that this cannot be possible now. I have learnt a lot and a lot to learn more also. So I'm looking forward.

How did you approach it when you were left out of the T20I side?

When I was dropped from the T20 side — I had done well in ODIs, it was T20s where I had to improve — there was a hunger inside me. I really wanted to come back, not just into the squad, I wanted to play. That was the one thing in my mind; I wanted to be the best T20 batter in India. I worked on my power game, did a lot of gym sessions and training sessions with the team at NCA and Baroda. All of them have been very helpful in my growth as a fitter player. In T20, the game is evolving and bowlers are sharp. They have match-ups and we have to counter it, have to work on how to score boundaries. I also worked on my singles and doubles. In T20s, dot balls add pressure on a batter which leads to the dismissal. I consciously worked on strike rotation and it has helped.

Is there anything specific you worked on your batting during the domestic season?

Going with my instincts is something I have changed in my batting. I was playing against South Zone in the Inter Zonal T20s, in that we (West Zone) required 70 odd runs (65) in 7 overs and were five wickets down I was the main batter with all-rounders and lower-order batters. I was desperate and the boundaries were not coming. Instinctively, I opened my stance. I played with an open stance and it helped me clear the front foot and slog. I have a strong off side game but it improved my leg side game. I did it instinctively and it made a difference. I wanted to try it out that day as we had nothing to lose and I pulled it off. Similarly, after speaking to coaches, I have some tricks in the bag which I try in my practice as well. You will see if it works when I use it in the match.

On preparations for the T20 World Cup...

I am really looking forward to the T20 World Cup in South Africa. The wickets are bouncy and good for pacers and I like fast bowling. I am looking forward to the opportunity when I get over there. I have been preparing for that as well. Have worked on pitches in Baroda in the Reliance stadium, according to the conditions in South Africa. I am also working on mindset adjustments and visualisation aspects of my game. Like Australia, I think I will love to play in South Africa also.

TEAM TRACKER

FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023 BHUBANESWAR · ROURKELA

JAN 13-29, 2023 | 16 NATIONS, ONE DREAM

WITH THE MEN'S FIELD HOCKEY WORLD CUP BEGINNING IN ROURKELA AND BHUBANESWAR ON JANUARY 13, A BRIEF LOOK AT THE TEAMS THAT WILL BE IN ACTION. HERE'S CHILE AND THE NETHERLANDS...

CHILE		NETHERLANDS
Debut	MATCHES PLAYED	100 | Won 61

HOW DID THEY QUALIFY
Beat the US in a penalty shoot-out in the semifinals of the Pan American Cup in January 2022 to qualify for their first World Cup. In fact, the women's team had made their debut at the quadrennial event last year.

BEST PERFORMANCE
Three-time champions (1973, 1990, 1998)

BACKGROUND
Achieved one of their best ever results in international hockey (second at the Pan American Cup) last year to reach this stage. Are a staple in the South American scene but have been in the shadow of Argentina for ages. Did pick up a win in the now defunct World League Group 1 several years ago. Some of the players also played at the junior World Cup in 2021.

BACKGROUND
Serial medallists didn't have the greatest of Olympics but possess the know-how to go a long in India. The runners-up from 2018 are the defending Pro League and EuroNations champions so form is on their side even if the nascent Pro League edition has seen them lose a few games.

HIGH ON TECHNICAL PROFILE
There is a nice mix of youth and experience but you know what you are going to get from them. They are an uncompromising side with respect to the technical side of the game. The young players like Jorrit Croon Thijs van Dam could seriously challenge for honours at the business end of the tournament.

STARS TO WATCH OUT FAR
Even if the players don't have the necessary international experience, a few of them do play in club sides in Europe, none more so than Juan Amoroso, who plays in Belgium. Last year, he was named in the continent's team of the year.

STARS TO WATCH OUT FOR
Son of former India coach, Seve van Ass, will control the tempo in midfield while Thierry Brinkman will marshall the troops ably. There is also custodian Pirmin Blaak, who is a well known name in the hockey circuit. These three are the spine and they will hope to lead a young-ish team to medal in four consecutive editions.

> **We have been dreaming about this moment for many many years and it has taken nearly 5 years of extreme hard work to make this dream a reality. But our team has grown together over the entire period, with every single player consistently doing their best for the team.**
> — Fernando Renz, Chile player

> **25 years is a lot of time to have gone without winning the World Cup. There are some really good teams out there, so it going to be difficult. But our aim is to be the World Champions, so we are going to do our best and really go for it.** — Thierry Brinkman, Netherlands player

South Korean hockey team arrives at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | SHAMIM QURESHY

STATS AND QUOTES VIA FIH.CH

EXPRESS READ

Anahat wins U-15 British Open squash

BIRIMINGHAM: India's Anahat Singh on Sunday won the girls under-15 title at the prestigious British Junior open. The 14-year-old, who was India's youngest athlete at the Commonwealth Games last year, beat Sohaila Hazem of Egypt 3-1 in the final. The British Junior open is held in January every year. This year, it was held after a gap of two years due to COVID-19.

Hemraj, Chhavi win Cross Country C'ships

SUALKUCHI: Hemraj Gurjar of Rajasthan sprang a surprise with a start-to-finish effort and Railways' Chhavi Yadav outsprinted Sanjivani Baburao Jadhav on the home stretch to win the men and women's 10km titles in the 57th National Cross Country Championships here on Sunday. Shivaji Parashuram Madappagoudra won the men's U20 8km crown.

Djokovic shrugs off injury scare, wins Adelaide title

ADELAIDE: Novak Djokovic showed no signs of an injury that might derail his Australian Open campaign when he beat unseeded American Sebastian Korda 6-7 (8), 7-6 (3), 6-4 Sunday to win the Adelaide International. Earlier, second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka claimed her 11th WTA Tour singles title but her first in almost two years when she overcame qualifier Linda Noskova 6-2 7-6 (4) in the women's final.

Cummins backs Agar for India Tests

AGENCIES @ Sydney

AUSTRALIA skipper Pat Cummins wants everything at his "disposal" for the "big" series in India next month and besides frontline spinner Nathan Lyon, he feels Ashton Agar and Travis Head, too, will be vital to Australia's bowling plans.

Australia, who completed a 2-0 Test series win over South Africa here, are gearing up for the four-match Border-Gavaskar series, starting in Nagpur on February 9. "I think our squad will have basically all possibilities. It's a big series, so we want everything at our disposal," Cummins said after the match.

Agar had been called up for the final Test against South Africa keeping in mind the Indian tour. However in the 22 overs he bowled, the 29-year-old gave away 58 runs and remained wicketless in the drawn Test. But being a left-arm spinner, he could prove effective against the Indian top order that is dominated by right handers in the absence of southpaw Rishabh Pant, who will miss the series due to injuries sustained in a car accident last month.

"Ash will be there, a left-arm orthodox, he'll absolutely be there. It wasn't an audition at all (for the India tour). This wicket's a bit different to India, it wasn't really spinning out of the middle of the wicket. An Indian wicket sometimes really breaks up, even from the middle of the wicket, and a left-arm orthodox becomes a bit more effective against right-hand batters. I thought he did really well," he added.

While Lyon will spearhead the spin department in India, Cummins feels Head will also be vital. "Trav is a slightly different off-spin bowler to Nath (Lyon), a bit flatter which could be really helpful over there. I've been really happy with how he (Head) has bowled, and probably under-bowled him even in this game. So, he'll be a big part of our team over there." The skipper is also counting on the likes of part-time spinners Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith to pitch in the slow bowling department.

WTC TABLE (TOP FOUR TEAMS)

TEAM	M	W	PTS	PC%	M left
Australia	15	10	136	75.66	4
India*	14	8	99	58.93	4
Sri Lanka	10	5	64	53.33	2
South Africa	13	6	76	48.72	2

* India are guaranteed a qualification as long as they win 3 Tests

Brief scores
Australia 475/4 decl. **drew** South Africa 255 & 106/2 (f/o) in 41.5 ovs (Erwee 42)

Racer Kumar dies after crash at Nat'l C'ship

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN an unfortunate turn of events, KE Kumar, 59, a noted and well-respected racer died at the hospital following a crash in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit in Irungattukottai on Sunday.

According to a statement issued by the organisers, the car slid across the track and landed on its roof. Going by recordings available on social media (from live footage), the car came in contact with another before sliding off the track and turning turtle. The remaining races were called off. The organisers confirmed that the incident occurred when Kumar's car came in contact with that of a competitor during the saloon cars race this morning. The late driver had decades of experience in saloon cars. According to rules, the car needs to fulfil safety norms like having a roll cage and strong belts. This could be the first time that a racer, competing in a national level meet, has succumbed to injury in Chennai. The statement said that the race was immediately stopped and he was extricated from the wreckage. Vicky Chandhok, the chairman of the meet, said in the statement, "It is the most unfortunate incident. Kumar was an experienced racer. I have known him for several decades as a friend and competitor. The MMSC and entire racing fraternity mourn his passing away and convey heartfelt condolences to his family."

He added that the FMSCI and the organisers MMSC have launched an investigation.

FA CUP

Man City coast past Chelsea with a 4-0 victory

AGENCIES

A DOMINANT first-half performance helped Manchester City to a comfortable 4-0 win over Chelsea in the third round of the FA Cup on Sunday.

A superb free-kick from Riyad Mahrez set the hosts on their way before World Cup winner Julian Alvarez, playing his first match since his exploits in Qatar, doubled the advantage from the penalty spot. Then, Phil Foden turned home from close range after smart work from Mahrez in the 38th minute.

It was effectively over as a contest and City were happy to conserve their energy in the second half but they eventually scored a fourth, Mahrez finding the roof of the net from the spot in the 84th minute. While Pep Guardiola's men march on, this is another chastening night for Graham Potter whose tenure is yet to kick on. The wins sets up the prospect of a fourth round meeting against Arsenal, who face Oxford on Monday night. If the North London giants win that, the two Premier League title contenders will go head to head later this month.

On Sunday, holders Liverpool survived by the skin of their teeth. At Anfield, a difficult week for Liverpool that started with a Premier League loss at Brentford, concluded with a fortuitous 2-2 draw. Liverpool keeper Alisson Becker was guilty of a woeful error when his pass was intercepted by Goncalo Guedes, who slotted Wolves' 26th minute opener.

Manchester City's Julian Alvarez (L) & Phil Foden celebrate their team's second goal against Chelsea during the FA Cup clash in Manchester on Sunday | AFP

Darwin Nunez cushioned a volley past Matija Sarkic to equalise on the stroke of half-time and Mohamed Salah's deft finish in the 52nd minute put Liverpool ahead. But the Reds, who gave a debut to Netherlands forward Cody Gakpo, were pegged back in the 57th minute through Hwang Hee-chan's effort. It could have been even worse for Liverpool, as Toti's goal was disallowed for offside in the final minutes as the Reds survived for a replay. **4th rd draw (select):** Preston v Tottenham, Manchester United v Reading, Manchester City v Oxford or Arsenal, Brighton v Liverpool or Wolves. Ties to be played from Jan 27-30.

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Whereas:The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, Chandapura Branch, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 03.09.2022 calling upon the **Borrower 1. Mr. Gangadharaiah.T.S. S/o Mr. Basappa Siddaramaiah and 2. Mrs. Kavyashree A P W/o Mr. Gangadharaiah. T. S** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.60,66,672.00 (Sixty lakhs sixty six thousands six hundred seventy two rupees)+ uncharged interest +other charges+out of pocket expenses till the date of closure)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **6th Day of January 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Chandapura Branch for an amount Rs.60,66,672.00 (Sixty lakhs sixty six thousands six hundred seventy two rupees) + uncharged interest +other charges+out of pocket expenses till the date of closure)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Property

All that piece and parcel of Residential flat owned by Gangadhar T.S., bearing Flat No. BE-205, First floor, 'E' Block, with a super built-up area of 1089 Sq.ft., along with 400 Sq. ft. of undivided share, rights, title and interest, along with one Covered Car Parking space in the Basement/Surface/Stilt floor in as **GARDEN RESIDENCY Apartments**, constructed on Sy.no.522/108/3, sy. No. 108/3,108/2, RDPR no.150201032008208 85,Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru District. Apartment is bounded on East by: Lift Area, West by : Residential Apartment privately numbered as E-206 in the first floor of "E" Block, North by: Common Corridor, South: Area open to sky of the apartment building.

Date: 06.01.2023, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India**

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Whereas:The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Chandapura Branch**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 03.09.2022** calling upon the Borrower **1. N MURALI, S/o Mr.Narayanaswamy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.88,69,526/- (Rupees eighty eight lakhs sixty nine thousand five hundred and twenty six only) + uncharged interest +other charges+out of pocket expenses till the date of closure)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **6th Day of January 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Chandapura Branch for an amount Rs.88,69,526/- (Rupees eighty eight lakhs sixty nine thousand five hundred and twenty six only) + uncharged interest +other charges+out of pocket expenses till the date of closure)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Property

For Loan no.1 (721906650000114) All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat owned by N.Murali bearing Flat No.202 on the 2ndFloor of wing 'K'in Block-IV, with carpet area of 655 Sq.ft., and super built up area of 985 Sq.ft., along with undivided share of 29.25 Sq.mts or 314.78 Sq.ft., out of the total extent of land in the residential apartment complex known as "SIPANI ROYAL HERITAGE PHASE-II" construed on the Sy.No.78/2, 78/3 Iggalur village and Sy.no.308, & part of Sy.No.309 and Site No.7 of Sy.No.308/2 coming in Marasur Village, Marsur post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. The Flat is entrustedone Covered Car Parking Space at Basement Level/Ground Level Ground Level and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies and lifts staircases and other amenities provided in the project land **"SIPANI ROYAL HERITAGE PHASE-I & II"** Flat is bounded on East by: Open to Sky, West by: L-Block, North by: Entrance, South by: Open to Sky.

For loan no.2: (721906650000115)

Residential flatowned by N.Murali, bearing FlatNo.C-1302 on the 13thFloor of wing 'C', with carpet areat of 631 Sq.ft., and super built up area of 975 Sq.ft., along with proportionate 303.45 Sq.ft., of undivided share, title and interest out of the residential apartment complex known as "SIPANI ROYAL HERITAGE PHASE-1" construed on the Sy.No.78/2, 78/3Iggalur village and Sy.no.308, & part of Sy.No.309 and Site No.7 of Sy.No.308/2 coming in Marasur Village, Marsur post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.Flat is allotted with One Covered Car Park Space at Basement Level/Ground Level Ground Level and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies and lifts staircases and other amenities provided in the project land **"SIPANI ROYAL HERITAGE PHASE-1"Flat** is bounded on East by: Entrance Door, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.1406, South by:Open to Sky.

Date: 06.01.2023, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India**

KLM AXIVA FINVEST LTD

4th Floor, Door No.1871A24 VM Plaza, Civil Line Road, Palarivattom Cochin - 682025, Ph: 7558865300

AUCTION NOTICE

KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd has decided to bid the Mortgage items in a systematic manner undermentioned branches on 10.01.2023 therefore, the customers interested in the repayment or renewal with interest repayment should contact their respective branches before the auction period. however, in the event of a failure to make the auction due to the above reasons, the operator's shall have full authority to postpone the auction proceeds to the place for conducting the auction without any further notice. KLM AXIVA FINVEST LTD. VM Plaza , Civil lane road , Palarivattom

2nd Auction date & Time : 16.01.2023 ,2.00 PM Auction centre : Door No. 5945/2 in First Floor, Krishna Complex, Opposite to Bharat Petrol Bunk, Patel Chinnappa Extension, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru, 562123 (Banglore Rural District) D CROSS DODDABALLAPUR 202203910100004 202203910100008 202203910100009 202203910100011 202203910100013 202203910100033 HOSKOTE 202102360100224 202102360100225 202102360100226 202102360100228 202102360100230 202102360100246 202102360100303 202102360100319 202102360100335 202102360100345 202102360100348 202102360100349 202102360100353 202102360100358 202102360100365 202202360100242 202202360100243 202202360100244 202202360100254 202202360100255 202202360100259 202202360100278 202202360100279 202202360100287 202202360100288 202202360100292 202202360100297 202202360100305 202202360100317 202202360100333 202202360100349 202202360100355 202202360100359 202202360100395 202202360100400 202202360100413 202202360100449 202202360100452 202202360100454 202202360100565 202202360100566 202202360100589 202202360100206 202202360100233 202202360100025 202202360100024 202202360100026 202202360100029 202202360100030 202202360100028 202202360100017 202202360100007 202202360100040 202202360100022 202202360100042 202202360100021 NELAMANGALA 202101770100933 202101770100934 202101770100998 202101770101021 202101770101077 202101770100767 202101770100824 202101770101123 202101770101130 202101770101230 202101770101246 202101770101257 202101770101343 202101770100916 202101770101352 202201770100498 202201770100499 202201770100500 202201770100583 202201770100586 202201770100591 202201770100604 202201770100606 202201770100682 202201770100686 202201770100696 202201770100701 202201770100725 202201770100563 202201770100743 202201770100746 202201770100758 202201770100766 202201770100779 202201770100789 202201770100793 202201770100808 202201770100811 202201770100822 202201770100823 202201770100828 202201770100632 202201770100861 202201770100863 202201770100868 202201770100880 202201770100885 202201770100904 202201770100905 202201770100910 202201770100912 202201770100920 202201770100937 202201770100950 202201770100952 202201770100954 202201770100955 202201770100969 202201770100984 202201770101015 202201770101016 202201770101017 202201770101018 202201770101019 202201770101031 202201770101032 202201770100860 202201770101044 KENGERI UPANAGARA 202203780100006 202203780100011 202203780100012 202203780100013 202203780100021 202203780100022 202203780100024 202203780100028 202203780100030 202203780100033 202203780100035 202203780100039 202203780100040 202203780100041 202203780100045 202203780100046 202203780100047 202203780100048 202203780100051 202203780100052 202203780100053 202203780100056 202203780100057 202203780100058 202203780100061 202203780100064 202203780100065 202203780100068 202203780100069 202203780100070 202203780100072 202203780100073 NELAMANGALA BH ROAD 202203060100020 202203060100021 202203060100024 202203060100026 202203060100029 202203060100039 202203060100040 202203060100042 202203060100043 202203060100045 202203060100048 202203060100069 202203060100070 202203060100023 202203060100033 202203060100034 202203060100075 202203060100065 202203060100073 202203060100140 202203060100061 202203060100110 202203060100166 202203060100068.

2nd Auction date & Time : 16.01.2023 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: 22, First Floor, Guru Plaza, Hosur Main Road, Madiwala, Bengaluru, 560068 (Banglore Urban District) AVALAHALLI 202100610101000 202100610100895 202100610101013 202100610101016 202100610101038 202100610101059 202100610101086 202100610101108 202100610101131 202100610101138 202100610101148 202100610100732 202100610101174 202100610100744 202100610100916 202100610101001 202100610101218 202100610101242 202100610101256 202100610101273 202100610101288 202100610101169 202100610101297 202100610101301 202100610101314 202200610100462 202200610100465 202200610100470 202200610100518 202200610100519 202200610100533 202200610100567 202200610100569 202200610100573 202200610100575 202200610100577 202200610100579 202200610100581 202200610100584 202200610100629 202200610100638 202200610100639 202200610100640 202200610100641 202200610100642 202200610100644 202200610100662 202200610100664 202200610100665 202200610100666 202200610100667 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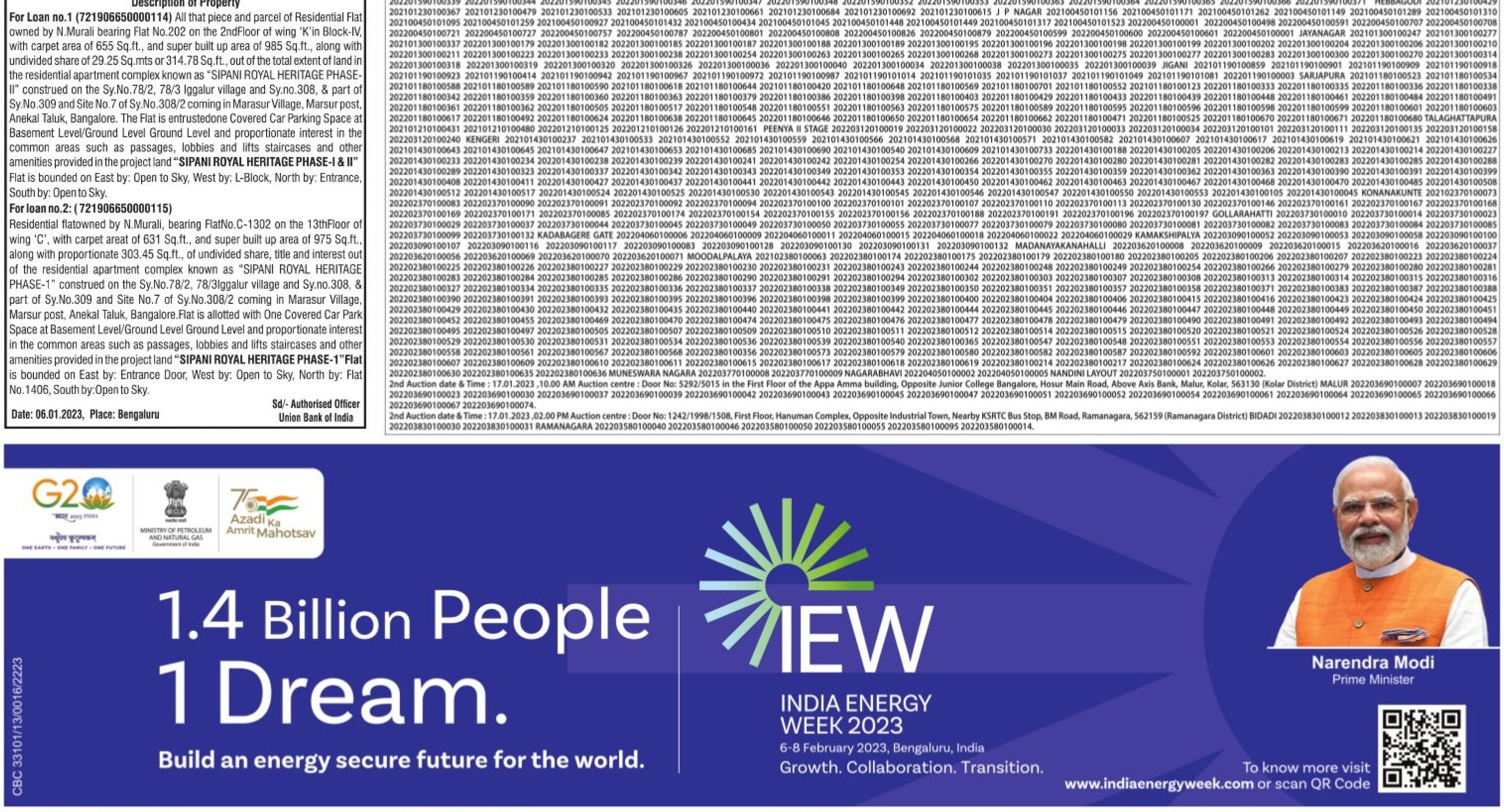

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DAY'S DIARY

CPA signed

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) was signed in Kenya by the National Congress Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in 2005

THE RESULT

It marked the end of two decades of civil conflict and was the culmination of peace negotiations facilitated by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

NEGOTIATORS

The CPA is built on and includes a collection of six documents. The two-year negotiation was also facilitated by the UK, the USA, Norway, and Italy

PROVISIONS

The CPA provided for a new national constitution and outlined new measures for sharing power, distributing wealth, and providing security in the country

Check out the events happening in the city

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GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @ gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹1,000 from SMOOR, Sadashiv Nagar**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Jelabi; 2) Himachal Pradesh 3) Churumuri

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Richa R 2) Niveditha B N 3) Rama Rao

Chitra Santhe 2023 brought alive the streets of Bengaluru with over 1,400 artists selling their works to hordes of people. *CE* catches a glimpse of the day-long event

LIVELY START

TUNIR BISWAS

PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

THE streets around Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath (CKP) on Sunday donned colours of art in every corner. Anywhere you looked, you'd only find talking heads buying and selling various kinds of artwork: jewellery, clothes, devotional paintings, portraits and abstract pieces. The price of the art works ranged between ₹50 and ₹2 lakh (approx).

Chitra Santhe 2023, the 20th rendition of the event was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. "This year, the footfall has been 30-40 per cent higher than last year. Around 1,400 artists participated. We did not expect these many attendees," shares KS Appajaiah, vice-president of CKP.

For artist Jyothi Sanjay, this was her first time as a participant at Chitra Santhe. "It is a big deal for me. Last year, I did register for the event but unfortunately, didn't get through. I was apprehensive at first, but after hearing the kind words people had for my work, I would love to come back next year," she says.

Agrees artist Naresh Lakshman Rao, who believes this festival always enlightens him with different perspectives. "This is my second time as a participant but I have always loved coming here. Such festivals provide a huge platform to artists to directly contact potential customers and sets the level for other artists," says Rao.

Architect Deepthi CB, a regular attendee, says, "I am a huge lover of art and so attending this event was a no-brainer. This year it looks like they pulled a similar crowd they used to before the pandemic."

This Class 11 equestrian from a city-based riding school recently won two individual gold medals in the National Equestrian Championship

Galloping ahead

DESE GOWDA

THE recently-concluded Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) in Bhopal, witnessed 17-year-old Shlok Jhunjhunwala from city-based Embassy International Riding School (EIRS) emerge as champion in the young rider category, raking up two individual gold medals and one silver medal. He was also named the 'Best Rider of the Year' for the second consecutive time. Jhunjhunwala also topped the first-ever freestyle dressage held in India at the event. "Freestyle was something that none of us knew how to do, and we had little time to practice. I chose to do my routine with Bollywood music, because I wanted to stand out. My sister helped me pick the music and along with my trainer, we planned everything well and it was a great experience," he shares.

A Mumbai-native, Jhunjhunwala has been riding since he was eight. Lacking the physical fitness to take up other competitive sports, he says riding helped give him a sense of accomplishment. "I used to go to a riding camp near Pune a few times a year. I knew basic horse riding before that and loved riding ponies when I was young, but it was mostly just for fun. At that time, I wasn't physically fit for a lot of other sports, so riding gave me a sense of accomplishment," he says, adding that he started to compete in events at a trainer's suggestion. "I started enjoying that feeling you get when you're up against others, and are doing well. Once you achieve something, it drives you to do more," he says.

My first competition was in 2018, I didn't win anything back then. But I started enjoying that feeling you get when you're up against others, and are doing well. Once you achieve something, it drives you to do more

Shlok Jhunjhunwala, equestrian

On his first attempt at the JNEC in 2019, Jhunjhunwala was placed fourth and managed to achieve a team silver medal. The next year, he got his first individual gold medal in show jumping, which prompted him to take the sport seriously. "My parents started to get invested, both financially and physically. I started training with EIRS, which helped up my game, both in terms of fitness and technique. I have faced different challenges since then as well. Being away from home in 2020 took a toll on me, while in 2022, I was placed in a higher category where I was faced with riders with more experience. I guess 2021 was easier than the rest," he shares.

In 2020, Jhunjhunwala also got his own horse, a major step to which he attributes a lot of progress since then. "Artemis was my first horse. She's retired now because of a medical issue. But she took me a long way. I have two other horses right now, Hulchul and Ignatius. The former is really special to me, he's come a long way from not being able to do any sort of dressage to being in the top 10. Ignatius has a massive heart. I've given him a few terrible experiences in the arena through my mistakes, but he has always been great," he adds.

Currently studying in Class 11, Jhunjhunwala hopes to pursue engineering in the future and continue riding professionally. "India has a long way to go before being on the same level as the west. The level of competition we have here is nowhere close to that over there," he concludes.

CITY READ

UCO Bank celebrates 80th Foundation Day

UCO Bank celebrated its 80th Foundation Day at its zonal office in the city. Activities such as corporate social responsibility, health check-up camps, customer meets and so on were carried out at different branches all over the Bengaluru zone. The event was inaugurated by DGM & zonal manager Manoj Kumar Sahu.

B'luru Utsava at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath

Bengaluru Utsava, a 10-day exhibition is currently taking place at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. Open from 11 am to 7 pm, it comprises over 100 stalls and artisans from all over the country exhibiting their art and craft to reach the customers directly. Home and garden decor, handloom clothes, jewellery, handicraft, toys, artwork, furniture, mats and porcelain items are on display at the exhibition.

XPRESS FOCUS

Founder's Day Celebrated at REVA University

From Left: Dr M Dhanamjaya, Vice Chancellor, REVA University; Umesh S Raju, Pro Chancellor, REVA University; Shavukaru Janaki; Dr P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University; Sonu Sood; Scientist Dr A Sivathanu Pillai after release of the REVA Summit VIII book during the Founder's Day celebrations.

REVA University hosted 'Founder's Day' recently on the occasion of the birthday of Dr. P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University. During the annual one-day event the REVA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 was bestowed upon late Puneeth Rajkumar. Actors Shavukaru Janaki, Sonu Sood and Scientist Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai were awarded REVA Excellence Award on the occasion.

Speaking about the event, Chancellor Dr. P. Shyama Raju, said, "Founder's Day celebrations at REVA University have been an annual tradition for the REVA Family. Every year, we identify achievers and acknowledge their contributions to society. The REVA Lifetime Achievement Award and the REVA Award of Excellence is our token of appreciation for towering personalities and their valuable contribution."

The celebrations started with an invocation dance performance by the students of REVA University.

A coffee-table book showcasing Dr P Shyama Raju's journey from a village boy to the Chancellor of REVA University was released. It was followed by the release of REVA Summit VIII book and the launch of Pancavaktram book.

As part of the Founder's Day celebrations, various cultural performances were conducted by students, staff, and faculty of REVA Group of Schools to commemorate the day. Among others, the event was presided over by Dr. M. Dhanamjaya, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, REVA University, and Dr. N Ramesh, Registrar, REVA University.

Sonu Sood receiving REVA Excellence Award

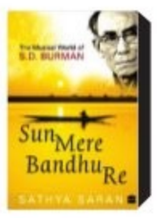
REVA is one of the few Multidisciplinary Universities in the country which has adopted the SDG goals as part of the journey towards emerging as a Social Impact University. REVA University has in alignment with the NEP 2020 built the road map of the University focusing on four SDGs of prime focus: SDG IV, SDG V, SDG XI and SDG XVII. In the first phase, REVA University has aligned with gender equality and women empowerment as the main SDGs to be focused on.

BOOK NOOK

The Book Beautiful

by Pradeep Sebastian

The author retraces his journey of collecting fine books online, his new-found love for modern calligraphic and illuminated manuscripts, and his discovery of the masters of bookmaking.



Sun Mere Bandhu Re

By Sathya Saran

This chronicle of the life of SD Burman tells his story through a kaleidoscope of montages from the inner and outer worlds he inhabited. Interviews, press clippings and archival material piece together the story of the musician.

The Haunting of Delhi City: Tales of the Supernatural

By Jatin Bhasin & Suparna Chawla Bhasin

The stories in *The Haunting of Delhi City* are set in a Delhi we think we know well, but don't. This is a Delhi that reveals the presence of the supernatural at every corner-ghosts as real to us in stories as they are in our imagination.

Loathe To Love You

by Ali Hazelwood

Three irresistible short stories by the global phenomenon Ali Hazelwood, now available together in paperback for the first time, with an exclusive bonus chapter.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Live Comedy

Listen to Anand, Somnath, Joteen, and others cracking jokes. Visit Bistro Claytopia with friends, family, random strangers, or by yourself for an absurd, edgy, and fun evening as these Bengaluru regulars try to crack you up with their jokes.

WHERE: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala
WHEN: January 9, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Pattern-making

The Rooftop is hosting a workshop where one can create mandala art. For many years, Buddhist meditators have primarily used mandala art as a form of expression. Mandala drawing is calming and has been found to lessen stress and anxiety.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 9, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

TIME FOR THEATRE

On the occasion of Natka Bengaluru 2023, Dhrushya invites guests to explore the world of dreams. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare is a well-known play often considered one of his best. This Kannada translation of the play was done by KS Nissar Ahmed.

WHERE: Ravindra Kalashetra, JC Road **WHEN:** January 9, 7pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

The objective of a Mystery Room is to escape a before the allotted time runs out. A race against the clock that will give you a rush of adrenaline unlike any other.

WHERE: Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar,
WHEN: January 9, 2.30pm onwards
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Open mics

Meet Shankar Chugani, the stand-up comedian who will prove that guffaws are a potent force, and make Monday feel like Saturday. He'll have you in stitches with his unique sense of humour. An open mic for all, hosted by Chugani and organised by Morph. Code.

WHERE: 21st Amendment Gastrobar, Indiranagar
WHEN: January 9, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Backpacking time

Trek through breathtaking scenery of the 'Sholay Hills' at Ramanagara, and engage in water sports for a bit of weekday fun.

WHERE: Pick Up: Gopalan Arcade, RR Nagar **WHEN:** January 9, 11pm
DETAILS: 9980950279

UNYIELDING, UNBENDING AND UNBROKEN

Artistes from Rangapayana perform the play *Phoolan Devi* as part of Shankarnaga Natakotsava at Ravindra Kalakshetra recently | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

BENGAL-STYLE SPICY PUFFED RICE

Contributed by **Dipayan Mukherjee**, Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Potato boiled and chopped:** 1 small
- **Puffed rice:** 1 cup
- **Boiled white peas:** 1/4 cup
- **Green chilli:** 2, chopped
- **Chopped onion:** 2 tbsp
- **Chopped tomato:** 2 tbsp
- **Mustard oil (pickle oil is preferred):** 2 tbsp
- **Salt according to taste**
- **Chopped coconut:** 1/4 cup
- **Soaked black chickpeas:** 1/4 cup
- **Flattened chana for more added taste or any spicy mixture**

FOR BHAJA MASALA

- **Cumin seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Fennel seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Coriander seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Green cardamoms:** 2

METHOD

- Grind the masala in the mixer-grinder.
- Toast the masala in the pan on low heat for 2 minutes.
- Mix everything in a bowl, and it is ready to eat.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

NAVASANA VARIATION BACK ROUNDED

(BOAT POSE VARIATION BACK ROUNDED)

This is a Boat Pose variation that can be practiced by the beginners to improve on strength and balance. The arms are stretched ahead and head remains the same as a regular sit-up pose, though the head and neck can be at a lower level in this pose.

STEPS

- Start in Sahaja Navasana (Easy Boat Pose).
- Bring both the arms close to the hips with the palms facing the floor. Do an Easy Boat Pose Forearms. Stay here for a couple of breaths.
- When you are comfortable, do the next step by raising the legs up while breathing out like you do in Boat Pose On Forearms.
- Here, make the feet completely relax while avoiding any tightness. Then, make all the transitions gradually.
- Now, balance the body weight over the tailbone and lower back as you raise the arms straight towards the knee to reach this pose.
- Stay in this pose for at least 20 breaths.
- Feel the pressure at the core and pelvic area, like energy rushing in the body as you hold this pose.
- To release, breathe in and lower the legs to reach in Boat Pose On Forearms.
- Then, bring both arms and legs to the floor as you relax in Corpse Pose and have some easy and quiet breath.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the arms and legs.
- It helps in toning the abs.
- Muscles of the hips are strengthened.
- Helps in lengthening of the spine.
- Helpful for those who sit in front of a desk for a long time.
- Releases neck and back pain.
- Eliminates unwanted gasses because of the deepened exhalation.
- Mind becomes aware of how a body is breathing while balancing the body.
- Stimulates the abdominal organs.
- Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra gets activated due to the pressure at the core which balances the fire element within the body.
- Kids and teens can find this pose more challenging than other poses.
- Senior citizens may regain confidence day by day.

LIMITATIONS

People with any injury or surgery to the arms, legs, neck, and lower back, internal surgeries, suffering from diarrhoea, fever, headache, migraine, spondylosis or severe neck pain, avoid.

Yoga teachers should pay special attention to those suffering from asthma or have trouble breathing.

By N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

CHUP: REVENGE OF THE ARTIST (Hindi)

A lonesome director and his new muse, and a psychopath who is on a killing spree targeting film critics in Mumbai. Are the two related? Inspector Arvind Mathur and Dr Zenobia are about to find out.

Cast: Sunny Deol, Dulquer Salman
Watch on: ZEE5

LOVE TODAY (Tamil)

Before they get married, a couple must swap phones for 24 hours at the behest of the bride-to-be's suspicious father.a

Cast: Pradeep Ranganathan, Ivana, Yogi Babu
Watch on: Netflix

GOODBYE (Hindi)

After a mother's sudden death, chaos and grief collide when four adult siblings return to their traditional father's home for the funeral.

Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Rashmika Mandanna, Neena Gupta
Watch on : Netflix

DHOKHA - ROUND D CORNER (Hindi)

A terrorist breaks into a married couple's home and takes the wife hostage, igniting a tense standoff that surfaces secrets and lies.

Cast: Madhavan, Khushalii Kumar, Aparshakti Khurana
Watch on: Netflix

1996 DHARMAPURI (Telugu)

A budding love story between Suri and Malli in Dharmapuri village turns tragic due to village politics. Despite all odds, the couple decides to tie the knot, but Suri's sudden disappearance on the wedding day comes as a shock.

Cast: Gagan Vihari, Aparna devi
Watch on: Aha

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RAANI (Telugu)

A powerful revenge plot unfolding the conflict between Sangeetha, the protagonist, and Shiva, a prostitution ringleader who traps her. What is her plan for the revenge?

Cast: Swetaa Varma, Prawin Yendamuri
Watch on: Aha

KANTARA - A LEGEND (Kannada)

Kantara is a story set in the fictional village of Dakshina Kannada which explores the ideological conflict of human and nature. A battle of ego swirls along tradition and culture of the land. Will Shiva, the protagonist of the film be able to reinstate peace and harmony in the village perceiving his existence?

Cast: Rishab Shetty, Kishore Kumar, Achyuth Kumar
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE FATHER WHO MOVES MOUNTAINS (Romanian)

When his son goes missing during a snowy hike in the mountains, a retired intelligence officer will stop at nothing — and risk everything — to find him.

Cast: Adrian Titieni, Elena Purea, Judith State
Watch on: Netflix

THE CHALK LINE (Spanish)

After a couple finds a traumatised child of unknown origins, wife Paula must decipher the girl's strange behaviors to unlock her identity and dark past.

Cast: Elena Anaya, Pablo Molinero, Eva Tennear
Watch on: Netflix

OVERDOSE (French)

Sara Bellaïche, captain at the judicial police in Toulouse, is investigating a go-fast linked to the murder of two teenagers, a case that Richard Cross, a cop in Paris, is dealing with. Forced to collaborate, Sara and Richard, with diametrically opposed methods, get plunged into a breathless race against the clock from Spain's to France's roads.

Cast: Sofia Essaidi, Assaad Bouab, Alberto Ammann
Watch on : Amazon Prime Video

BLACK CRAB (Swedish)

To end an apocalyptic war and save her daughter, a reluctant soldier embarks on a desperate mission to cross a frozen sea carrying a top-secret cargo.

Cast: Noomi Rapace, Jakob Oftebro, Erik Enge
Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

FOREVER TILTED?

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

Feliz año Nuevo!

WELL! It means the same thing. Felicitations for a new year or a new era! We never miss an opportunity to turn even a normal occurrence into a three-ringed circus. There is a driving need to 'top' things...bigger, better, bolder. I remember when a New Year celebration would mean a conglomeration of family and neighbours', where the array of food on the table would play a central part. Definitely that happy occasion would entail a slightly off key uncle or friend who would entertain you with a song while we sat around in a warm drawing room or outside around a bonfire. The said entertainer would then get emboldened when there was a round of applause and promptly launch into another ditty. As kids we were allowed to stay up till after mid-night and I remember the adults keeping an alert eye on the teenagers. Things were simple, innocent and wonderful. I still have fond memories of falling asleep in my father's arms as he gently rocked me as the faint sounds of all the people who mattered surrounded me. We ushered in a new dawn full of meaning, forged on old friendships, where the children were a part of the new hope that we looked forward to in a new year.

Sigh! Maybe it's true what some of my friends say that I was born old! The traffic was piled up neck deep outside our building, and it was impossible to take our car out on the road making us virtual prisoners! Impatient motorists honked for no reason (the cars were grid-locked), and I was fearful for my children who were going to a friend's house with the baby. I keep asking myself...what is so important about this day that makes sane people want to venture out, sometimes putting themselves in peril. In the old days where dignified celebrations were relegated to the clubs and people's homes, I could imagine everyone excited about being at a party where one could eat, drink and dance your blues away. But now, starting from a Friday evening and stretching over the weekend, youngsters and 'oldsters' can do the very same thing at every 'friendly neighbourhood pub or hotel'!

I see it in their eyes...that certain frenzy, that certain tilt. Caution has been thrown to the winds and the death and mayhem spread globally by the deadly virus, Cardi-V, has played havoc with the psyche of even the sanest amongst us. We have stopped caring. We have thrown caution to the winds...most of us live dangerously. We don't care about ourselves enough to care about others. This, in my estimation, is the most deadly fallout of the virus that rampaged through our lives.

I see the 'tilt' when young, seemingly healthy youngsters drop dead at the gym or at home. I see the tilt when there is certain skepticism about taking a booster dose while even doctors doubt their validity. There has always been that 'tilt' but now it's a half circle. Brawls erupting inside aircrafts, people willfully not obeying basic rules, de-based creatures urinating on fellow-passengers, women being dragged on the underbelly of a car for over 10 km,....yes! It looks like we can welcome another year with a bit more 'tilt' than the last one.

Stories in Science

In all the teachings of science in India, the storytelling aspect remains largely unexplored. The recently-concluded National Science Drama Festival is a step towards changing that

One of the participating schools performing their play at NSDF | VINOD KUMAR T

TUNIR BISWAS

IT is important for all of us to break myths, to break superstition and have a scientific bent of mind. Question everything that comes your way. And theatre is a great way of life. It wakes you up to your shortcomings. To be able to say what is in your heart and have the words to express it, is the heart of theatre. Welcome to this world of theatre, and welcome to the world of science. Don't ever become blind followers. Our generation has given you a world where you have to keep the value of the word 'Why' alive," said renowned thespian and actor **Arundhati Nag**, to a crowd of young students in her inauguration speech at the National Science Drama Festival (NSDF).

The event, organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, at the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM) on Kasturba Road, was a two-day festival happening on January 5 and 6. Started in December 2000, the national round of NSDF, the ultimate stage of a festival that started from lower levels, gave opportunities to students from all across India who embraced the rationale of science with the art of theatre.

"We are exploring the idea of how to communicate science to the public in different forms. Organising it for over 20 years now, we have found that it's a very powerful medium. No one else in the world has organised a science and drama festival in a museum setting. Here, you are not limiting the children to only the knowledge of science. If they're a good performer, they would be able to successfully explain scientific concepts that are not visible to us through the naked eye. Outside of the students, the teachers also participate, and this gives them a way to involve the students with science in a storytelling format," shares Samarendra Kumar, deputy director general of the National Council of Science Museums.

In the past, NSDF wasn't a singular event. "Earlier, we were doing it along with the science fair. But over many years, we observed that drama struck a chord with the audience and there was a lot of response from people. So then, we started organising NSDF as a separate event. It starts from the district level, then state level, then zonal level and then finally culminates with the national level," says K A Sadhana, director of VITM.

Bengaluru is a city that has deeply dabbled in both science and theatre. It has premiere scientific organisations like the Indian Institute of Science, Indian Space Research Organisation and Raman Research Institute, it also has elite theatre associations like Ranga Shankara and Jagriti Theatre. Kumar believes that makes this city one of the best places to host a festival like NSDF. "Any city like Bengaluru, which has a kind of blend of both art and science, can be a great host for such festivals. They will also have the facility to organise such events. It's good we have institutions where such a multi-disciplinary event can be held," says Kumar.

Manash Bagchi, the senior curator at VITM, believes communicating science through drama is not a new phenomenon. "An early example of the confluence of science and theatre was when the 20th-century German dramatist Bertolt Brecht wrote the play *Galileo*, based on the inquisition of Galileo Galilei by the Church. Another instance is a play that ran for 30 years in London. During World War II, physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg found themselves on opposite ends. Bohr was working with the Allies, and Heisenberg, while disagreeing with Hitler, had to work in Germany. Despite sharing great reverence for each other, circumstances borne in them not only a political rivalry but also a scientific one. So, sometimes it is a philosophical issue and sometimes a moral one. But if it is written well, you can take any scientific conflict and frame it theatrically," concludes Bagchi.

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles
(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

AFTER careful study and scrutiny, I have taken a decision to begin the year 2023 with a review of 'Marvel Snap'. The game first came into my radar after the Game Awards announced its nomination and subsequent win in the 'Best Mobile Game' category. So far, this column had been lacking a hyper-casual game review in 2022. Having played this game over two weeks and stacking a colourful deck of Marvel Character Cards, I can now say that I enjoy this game very much.

Marvel Snap is a card-battler. The game is simple. The opponent and I have a closed deck of cards. Over six different turns, I play cards down, and add additional cards to my hand. Winning this requires a combination of luck, card-placement, guess work, energy, and a general lack of interest in doing anything useful for the next three minutes.

Winning a game provides multiple benefits, my brain's reward centres are permanently awake. The immediate benefits are cosmic cubes. Leveling happens once every 10 cubes. The game then grants you great gifts that either add new character cards to your deck or upgrade existing cards. Additionally, completing daily missions also generate additional rewards. I like Marvel Snap mostly because the game did an excellent job of baiting me. I got several quick wins in the beginning, and spent close to no time waiting to be paired with another player (they may have all been bots). But it did not matter. The numerous rewards made me come back for more. It also did not hurt to have colourful Marvel characters with familiar names and powers.

Marvel Snap is keen on selling the monetised route in the game, so I am fairly certain that I will reach a point in the game where winning no longer becomes a matter of my proficient strategising. At this point I will quickly jump to other options — 'Magic: The Gathering Arena' or 'Legends of Runeterra', both of which are also card-battlers that are free to play on a phone. Marvel Snap is currently available for iOS, Android, and Windows.

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CHANGE OF NAME
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CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MANSI DEEPAK SHAGRITHAYA, residing at No. 74, Tower-4, Pebble Bay Apartments, 1st Main road, RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560094, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MANSI DEEPAK SHAGRITHAYA** to **(NEW NAME) MANSI SHAGRITHAYA** vide affidavit Dated 03/01/2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJULACHANDRASHEKAR NELAMANGALA MUNIYAPPA,** age 61 years, W/o Chandrashekara Nelamangala Muniyappa, R/at #3, Sampangirama Nilaya, 4th Cross, 4th Block, Anjanamurthy Layout, Lottegollahalli, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJULA SRINIVASAPURA CHANDRASEKAR** to **MANJULACHANDRASHEKAR NELAMANGALA MUNIYAPPA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANJULACHANDRASHEKAR NELAMANGALA MUNIYAPPA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.V. NANJAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARADHA MONNANDA NANAIAH,** R/at Devanur Balele Kodagu Virajpet-571219, presently at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARADA MONNANDA NANAIAH** to **SHARADHA MONNANDA NANAIAH,** henceforth I shall be known as **SHARADHA MONNANDA NANAIAH** only, vide affidavit dated 04-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PINDIKOORU KRISHNAIAH SETTY REDDAPPA,** R/at No. 552, First Floor, 'G' Main, Shanthiniketan Layout, Arekere B.G. Road, Bengaluru-560076, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PINDIKUR KRISHNAIAH SETTY** to **PINDIKOORU KRISHNAIAH SETTY REDDAPPA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PINDIKOORU KRISHNAIAH SETTY REDDAPPA** only, vide affidavit dated 07-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMT. PADMASHRI SHAMANEWADI,** W/o. Sri. Praveen Shamanewadi, aged about 33 years, Residing at: No.TF-06, 3rd Floor, B Block, GR Lotus Apartment, Kenchenahalli Main Road, Halagevaderahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, hereby declare that my names **PADMASHRI BALOJI and PADMASHRI SHAMANEWADI,** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **PADMASHRI SHAMANEWADI,** vide affidavit dated 06-01-2023 sworn to before advocate & notary S.R. Thulasikrishna, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HUDA ZAINAB** (Old Name), D/o, Abdul Khader Nishat Ahmed Saliq, Residing at, No.E-109, Monarch Serenity Apartment, Thanisandra, Bengaluru-560077, have changed my previous Name **HUDA ZAINAB,** to New Name **HUDA ZAINAB NISHAT,** vide affidavit dated:7.01.2023, before the Notary, Sivakumara. M.N., Bengaluru for all Official and Legal Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mufsina M,** D/o. Musthafa M, Aged about 28 years, Residing at No. 20/1/2, Risaldar Street, Sheshadripuram Park Road, Bangalore - 560 020, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor Daughter's name from **Diya Kumar D.** to **Fathima Reyah** Vide affidavit dated 6.1.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) WASEEM AHMAD, residing at No. 34/1, 3rd Cross, Munimarappa Block, Near Indira Memorial School, D J Halli, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) WASEEM AHMAD** to **(NEW NAME) WASEEM AHMED** vide affidavit Dated 07/01/2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PRAJWALA A GOWDA, residing at No. 184, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Lower Palace, Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560003, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRAJWALA A GOWDA** to **(NEW NAME) PRAJWALA A SHASHANK** vide affidavit Dated 05/01/2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDEEP NARENDRA REDDY,** R/o No. 6, 19th Main Road, HSR Layout, 4th Sector, Bengaluru-560 102, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **SURYA SANDEEP** to **SURYA SANDEEP REDDY,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **SURYA SANDEEP REDDY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07th January 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **GADDAM MARIYAMMA** (New Name)wife of GADDAM LAKSHMAIAH, Residing at NO.10, BLESSYNILAYAM, 4TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST BLOCK, AKSHAYANAGAR, RAMAMURTHYNAGAR, BENGALURU-560016, declare that I have changed my name from **KRUPAMMA** (Old Name) to **GADDAM MARIYAMMA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **GADDAM MARIYAMMA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/01/2023 before Notary **S.I.BALAGURU** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEEPAK SAMAGA,** son of BALAKRISHNA MALPE SAMAGA resident of A-10-504 Elita promenade near brigade millennium, puttenahalli, jp nagar 7th phase Bengaluru Karnataka-560078, have changed my name from **DEEPAK BALAKRISHNA** to **DEEPAK SAMAGA.,** vide affidavit dated 6/1/2023 sworn to before Mohammed Hussain. K advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIYA DEVENDRA KAPASI,** previously called **DIYA KAPASI,** D/o Devendra Kapasi, aged about 21 years, Residing at Flat No. 1001, 'A' Block, ASSETZ LUMOS Apartment, Yeshwanthpur Industrial Suburb, Bengaluru-560022. Hereby declare that, I have Changed my name from **'DIYA KAPASI'** to **"DIYA DEVENDRA KAPASI"** vide Affidavit dated 5.1.2023, Sworn before advocate and Notary Public D.G.Shanthappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Varsani Anjana Kishorbhai (New name), Anjana Aka Otiben Kishorbhai Varsani (Old name),** aged 65 years, W/O Kishorbhai Ranchhodbhai Varsani, Housewife and residing at: B2, Ambika regency, Shivganga layout, Behind MORE hypermart, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048. I declare that I have changed my name from **OTIBEN KISHORBHAI VARSANI to VARSANI ANJANA KISHORBHAI (NEW NAME),** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 07.01.2023 sworn before J. Anand Kumar, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru-560048.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AYESHA BANU, W/o. Late. Noorullah, residing at No. 1st Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayakanagar, Bengaluru-560026, have changed my Minor Son's name from **SYED OWIAZ** to **SYED OWAIZ BAHMANY** vide affidavit Dated 19/12/2022 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SAMPAT DEVI BAID** alias **SAMPAT JAIN,** age 53 years, W/o Sunil Kumar Baid, R/at No. 1/4, 6th Cross, Coconut Avenue Road, Opp. to Janardhan Bakery, Malleswarm, Bangalore-560 003 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SAMPAT DEVI BAID** and **SAMPAT JAIN** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 6th January 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH NARENDRA REDDY,** on behalf of minor son MAHANTH RAJESH REDDY, R/of No. 6, 19th Main Road, HSR Layout, 4th Sector, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **MAHANTH** to **MAHANTH RAJESH REDDY,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **MAHANTH RAJESH REDDY** only, vide affidavit dated 4-1-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GADDAM LAKSHMAIAH** (New Name) Son of LATE LAKSHMAIAH, Residing at NO.10, BLESSYNILAYAM, 4TH CROSS ROAD, 1ST BLOCK, AKSHAYANAGAR, RAMAMURTHYNAGAR, BENGALURU-560016, declare that I have changed my name from **LAKSHMAIAH** (Old Name) to **GADDAM LAKSHMAIAH** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **GADDAM LAKSHMAIAH** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/01/2023 before Notary **S.I.BALAGURU** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HASEENA KHANUM** W/o SHEIK KHALID D/o of SHAIK MAHBOOB resident of No.590/2 A, 2nd Cross APSA Hostel Lane, Near Rama Temple,Annasandra Palya Main Road H A L, VTC:Bangalore North,PO:Vimanapura,H A L Old Town. Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from **ISHRATH KHANUM** to **HASEENA KHANUM.,** vide affidavit dated 6/1/2023 sworn to before R. S. Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, VENKATARAJU N. S/o. Nagesh N. and **Shashikala V.** W/o. Venkataraju N. R/a # 24, Patalamma Temple Street, Adugodi, Bangalore- 560030 Declare That In Our Son's Birth Certificate his Name Wrongly Mentioned as **NAG ASHWIN V** Instead of **NAGA KEERTHAN V (DOB: 21-03-2020)** Henceforth, He Known as **NAGA KEERTHAN V** only, vide Affidavit Dated: 04-01-2023 Sworn Before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHENDRA REDDY .P,** S/o. Purushotham Reddy, Aged about 51 years, Residing at No. 20, 20th R Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Dasarahalli Bengaluru, H.A. Farm, Bengaluru - 560 024, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **M. GANESH ARAVIND** to **GURU PRASAADH .M** and my name changed from **P. MAHENDRA** to **MAHENDRA REDDY .P** vide affidavit dated 6.1.2023 sworn to before Ravikumar .V, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. KALEEM AHMED & Mrs. HAJIRA TAJ, residing at No. 243, 15th Cross, 1st Main Road, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru-560026, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **RIDA AYESHA** to **RIDA TAJ** vide affidavit Dated 19/12/2022 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRA K J,** S/o Late Javaraiah, aged about 62 years, R/at No. 36, "Saketh", 4th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560057, have changed my son's name from **SRIDHARA MURTHY KONIGANAHALLI CHA** to **SRIDHARA MURTHY K CHANDRA,** vide affidavit dated 06-01-2023 before VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **THILAKAN VILAYIL RAGHAVAN,** R/at No. 2228A/B, Nandanam 1st Cross Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VILAYIL RAGHAVAN THILAKAN** to **THILAKAN VILAYIL RAGHAVAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **THILAKAN VILAYIL RAGHAVAN** only, vide affidavit dated 04-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **THEJASWI PALAKSHACHARY,** S/o L V Palakshachary, aged about 49 years, R/at 274/1, 6th B Main Road, near RT Nagar BMTC bus depot, HMT Layout, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, do hereby declare that my correct name is **THEJASWI PALAKSHACHARY** but in my driving licence my name is mentioned as THEJASWI P instead of **THEJASWI PALAKSHACHARY,** vide affidavit dated 07-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHABANA W/o Mr. Amanulla Khan, aged about 49 years, residing at No.72, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, 10th Main, Pragathinagar, Hongasandra, Bangalore-560 076, have changed my name from SHABANA to SHABANA KHANUM vide affidavit dated 07/01/2023 sworn before advocate and notary M. Rajendra, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AARYAN KOTAK** (New Name), Aged about 20 years, Son of Mr.Rajiv Kotak, residing at Flat No.G-503, Sterling Terraces, 100 Feet Ring Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 085, Karnataka State, India, that I have changed my name from **AARYAN SHAH KOTAK** (Old Name) to **AARYAN KOTAK** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **AARYAN KOTAK** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 07/01/2023, before Notary T.R. Raghavendra Rao, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Darshan Keshavamurthy,** S/o. A. Keshavamurthy, Aged about 24 years, R/at No. 55, Sumuka Nilaya, Haragadde Village & Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, do hereby declare that **Darshan Keshavamurthy** and **Darshan K Murthy** both the names belongs to my name and one and the same. Vide affidavit dated 06.01.2023 sworn to before Muniswamy .T, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

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Darshan

Kranti comes loaded with mass and class

The much-anticipated trailer from the film was dropped at a grand event in the presence of the cast, crew, and scores of Darshan fans.

CE FEATURES

AFTER Mysuru, Hosapete, and Hubbali, the *Kranti* celebrations with Darshan continued in Bengaluru on Saturday. The much-anticipated trailer from the film was dropped at a grand event in the presence of the cast, crew, and scores of Darshan fans.

Interestingly, in an impressive initiative step by fans, the trailer was simultaneously launched on over 130 screens across the State. The trailer introduces us to Darshan in the titular character, *Kranti,* who talks about the education system, and in particular the current situation of government schools. The film features Darshan as a businessman, who resides abroad and comes to India. The trailer also introduces us to the characters of Ravichandran, Umashree, and Mukyamantri Chandru, among others.

The trailer, which comes loaded with mass and class elements has set the right tone for the film, which is set to hit screens on January 26.

Team *Kranti*

The entire cast and crew including heroine Rachita Ram, Nimika Ratnakar, Samyuktha Hornad, and Vainidhi Jagadish, along with producer Rockline Venkatesh among others were present at the trailer launch, and they discussed the hype surrounding *Kranti*. The event saw the presence of actor, and politician, Sumalatha Ambareesh, who also mentioned that she is completing 44 years in the industry. "I have a small, but important role to play in *Kranti*," she said. Girija Lokesh, another senior actor, who will be completing 60 years in the industry in the coming year, said, she is gearing up for the success party and waiting to dance to the popular '*Pushpavati*' song.

Directed by V Harikrishna, who is doubling up as the music director, and produced by Shylaja Nag and B Suresha's Media House Studios, *Kranti* has Karunakar handling the cinematography.

Netflix to develop *The Sea Beast* sequel

CE FEATURTES

THE sequel of animated adventure film *The Sea Beast* (2022), directed by Chris Williams, is in the works at Netflix. With a voice cast of Karl Urban, Zaris-Angel Hator, Jared Harris, and Marianne Jean-Baptiste, *The Sea Beast* is about a sea monster hunter who is joined by an orphaned girl, as they look to find an elusive Red Bluster.

Now streaming on Netflix after its theatrical run, the film garnered positive reception and went on to become one of the most watched films. Backed and distributed by Netflix, the film became the most viewed animated feature film of the streamer and also topped the top 10 film charts.

While a sequel was not in the original plan while making *The Sea Beast,* Chris said to The Hollywood Reporter, "I never thought beyond the first movie. We were not planning for a series. And that was for the good. I just wanted to make this a fun experience and not compromise (the movie) by trying to set up future things."

He added, "A priority in the first one was making it feel plausible and truthful. And when I thought about the truth about where *The Sea Beast* ended, it looks like everything is nicely wrapped. You have the father and daughter sitting on the dock, the world has changed and given up monster hunting and, isn't that terrific? But the more I thought about the truth of it, the more I realized the story wasn't really over."

YASH'S next to be bankrolled by Venkat Konanki of KVN Productions

A SHARADHAA

MONTHS of speculation about *KGF* star Yash's next has finally come one step closer to completion. The actor, who has remained non-commital about what he is doing next after the blockbuster success of the *KGF* franchise, celebrates his birthday today.

Photos of Yash, who is currently in Dubai spending time with his friends and family, went viral on social media, and it is through one such photo that a slight affirmation of a long-standing speculation came to light.

One of those photos has Yash posing alongside filmmaker Venkat Konanki Narayana of KVN Productions. There were rumours that the two were collaborating on a project, and this photo just added more weight to these speculations.

Known for distributing *RRR* in Karnataka, and backing films like Prem-Dhruva Sarja's *KD*, KVN Productions are aiming to go pan-India with their projects, and one of the biggest steps in that direction is definitely this Yash film.

Confirmation about this collaboration between Yash and KVN Productions for Yash19 is expected to be out soon, and through this announcement, we can also expect the details about the director, and the rest of the cast and crew too.

Venkat Konanki Narayana and Yash

SHIVARAJKUMAR, KISHORE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEJASWI K NAG'S SUSPENSE THRILLER

Kishore

A SHARADHAA

SHIVARAJKUMAR, who is on a success tour for his 125th film, *Vedha,* is also juggling between shooting for Srini's *Ghost* and director Yogaraj Bhat-Rockline Venkatesh's *Karataka Dhamanaka.*

The Century Star, who will soon begin Arjun Janya-Ramesh Reddy's *45*, has now signed another film. This project will be directed by Thejaswi K Nag, who made his directorial debut with Srujan Lokesh's *Ellidde Illi Tanaka*

Billed to be a suspense thriller, Thejaswi shares that the film will feature Shivanna in a never-before-role, and the character sketch is what caught the actor's attention.

Backed by Manjula Shivarjuna under the Nischita Combines banner, which had earlier produced Chiranjeevi Sarja's *Shivarjuna,* this film will also have Kishore playing an important role. THis project will mark the first collaboration between Shivanna and Kishore.

Apart from these actors, the makers are in the process of finalising the rest of the cast and technicians. Details about the title of the film and their shooting plans is expected to be out soon.

Shivarjuna, Shivarajkumar and Thejaswi K Nag

Paul Mescal joins Ridley Scott's Gladiator sequel

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Ridley Scott had previously expressed interest to helm the sequel to *Gladiator*. Now, it is almost sure that the sequel is closer than ever before as a new report states that Paul Mescal of Hulu's limited series *Normal People* is in negotiations to lead the project.

It is also said that Scott would once again serve as the director and would also produce the film alongside Michael Pruss, Scott Free President as well as Doug Wick and Lucy Fisher of Red Wagon Entertainment.

Janty Yates and Arthur Max, the Costume Designer and Production Designer, respectively, of the original film, are also set to return for the sequel. They would be working from a script written by David Scarpa.

Mescal is currently best known for his role in the aforementioned Hulu limited series, *Normal People*. He has also appeared in the acclaimed *Aftersun* released in 2022. He was also featured in *God's Creatures* which premiered at the 2022 Cannes Film Festival.

Tim Blake Nelson joins *Dune 2*

CE FEATURES

THE cast of *Dune: Part Two* grows bigger as Tim Blake Nelson (*O Brother, Where Art Thou?*) has joined the upcoming science fiction epic in an undisclosed role. While details on his character remain scarce, the announcement comes just a few weeks after filming on the project wrapped.

He joins previously announced cast members Austin Butler (Elvis) as Feyd-Rautha, Florence Pugh (Black Widow) as Princess Irulan, and Christopher Walken as Emperor Shaddam IV.

Wednesday officially renewed for season two at Netflix

CE FEATURES

NETFLIX has officially renewed the second season of its hit series *Wednesday,* starring Jenna Ortega in the titular role, the streaming platform announced while sharing a teaser. The renewal comes at the time speculations were rife that Wednesday might leave Netflix to Prime Video. Based on the character Wednesday Addams from *The Addams Family, Wednesday* consists of eight episodes, four of them directed by Tim Burton. The series follows after Wednesday gets enrolled in Nevermore Academy much to her chagrin, which leads her to be involved in local mysteries and the supernatural world.

Apart from Jenna, the show's cast includes Gwendoline Christie, Riki Lindhome, Jamie McShane, among others.

Sharing the glimpse, Jenna tweeted, "Thanks to everyone who made this upcoming season possible. This has all been pretty surreal."

Recently, the makers had opened about the possibilities in the storyline of the Addams Family. Showrunners Al Gough and Miles Millarhave suggested that the show will continue bringing new mysteries for the titular character to investigate. In addition to this, it will also concentrate on *Wednesday*'s relationships with people around her, but with special focus on her mother Morticia and friend Enid.